

Top team to mastermind Tory future

By Philip Webster, Chief Political Correspondent

The Prime Minister yesterday looked forward to a third Conservative term of office by establishing an inner group of senior ministers charged with overseeing the preparation of the general election manifesto and drawing up policies to be followed by a Tory government into the next century.

Mr Tebbit, whom it had been expected would be in charge of the preliminary work on the manifesto. Party sources said the aim of the group was to bring together ministers representing the main departments of state and the party in the Lords, Commons and the country.

and it is on the manifesto-preparing side of its work that most attention will be focused. It was being said last night that the group's formation should not be seen as marking the start of the next election campaign.



Mrs Rosemarie Marcie-Riviere: reputation vindicated.

Employers call for Pretoria talks on arrests

South African businessmen asked for an urgent meeting with the Minister of Law and Order to voice concern over arrests of union leaders.

South African business leaders have asked for an urgent meeting with the Minister of Law and Order. Mr Louis Le Grange, to express concern about the arrests of trade union leaders under the emergency regulations in force since June 12.

Phone bills up for home users

By Teresa Poole

British Telecommunications will this year have to cut overall charges for telephone line rentals and inland calls.

But domestic users could face increased telephone bills because the price reductions will be concentrated on long-distance calls which mostly benefits business users.

Tomorrow

England expects

World Cup climax: Stuart Jones previews Sunday's clash between England and Argentina in Mexico City

Portfolio Gold

Three readers shared yesterday's Times Portfolio Gold competition prize of £8,000 - double the usual amount as there was no winner the previous day.

Patients wait

Patients with potentially life-threatening conditions are having to wait weeks or months to see a consultant surgeon.

Kremlin drive

The Kremlin began a sweeping drive against bribery and corruption including the threat of labour camp imprisonment for those convicted of making a false income declaration.

Libya protest

The Irish Republic has made a formal protest to Colonel Gaddafi over reports that Libya intends to renew financial support for the Provisional IRA.

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'Rule of law' call in council reforms

By Hugh Clayton, Local Government Correspondent

Local government must be freed from a mesh of legal doubt that has led to abuses of power, the Widdicombe committee into council behaviour said in its final report yesterday.

Reagan in Gorbachov peace plea

From Michael Binyon, Washington

President Reagan, in an important speech at the site of the 1967 Summit between President Johnson and the late Soviet Prime Minister Alexei Kosygin, yesterday invited Mr Mikhail Gorbachov to join him in taking "action in the name of peace."

£15,000 to socialite who sued

By Robin Young

Mrs Rosemarie Marcie-Riviere, the wealthy Swiss-born socialite who sued Mr Taki Theodoropoulos, the society columnist, for libel, collapsed in the High Court yesterday after tensely waiting nearly five and half hours to learn that she had won, and been awarded £15,000 damages.

Tory split likely over sanctions

By Richard Evans, Political Correspondent

The right wing of the Conservative Party told the Prime Minister last night that it could not accept the imposition of any economic sanctions or measures against South Africa, and urged her to enter into direct talks with the Pretoria regime.

Grade makes number two at BBC

By Nicholas Beeston

Mr Michael Grade has been promoted to director of programmes, BBC Television, it was announced yesterday. The post is the second highest in the corporation's television hierarchy and covers both networks.

Falklands fear in Cup clash

From John Carlin, Mexico City

Both the British and Argentine ambassadors to Mexico have called on the Mexican police to take special measures to prevent violence at Sunday's England - Argentina World Cup quarter final match, which newspapers here have already dubbed The War of the Falklands.

Coluche dead in motorcycle accident

Paris - Coluche, France's best-known comedian and originator of last winter's highly successful "Restaurants du Cœur" for the poor, was killed when a motorcycle he was riding crashed into a lorry, near Grasse, in the south of France (Diana Giddes writes). He was 41 years old.

Rugby votes to keep the co-eds out

By Craig Seton

Tom Brown's sister may have to bite her tongue for another century. Yesterday the governors of Rugby School turned down the opportunity of becoming the first of Britain's top public schools fully to open its doors to girls.

India 235-8

India, who put on 64 for the first wicket, slid to 235 for eight on the first day of the second Test against England at Headingley. Dilip Vengsarkar made 61 and Derek Pringle took three for 40. Jaha Woodcock, Page 30

Halifax Instant Xtra advertisement with interest rate table and application form.



Mr Theodoropoulos: the loser.

Handwritten Arabic text at the bottom of the page.

Lawyers caution Lords against conveyancing 'by all and sundry'

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

Government proposals to allow conveyancing by banks, building societies, estate agents and virtually any commercial organization or individual could drive solicitors from the house transfer market, the Law Society says.

In a strongly worded briefing paper to peers for the second reading of the Building Societies Bill, the society attacks the proposals as a threat to the independence of the profession.

"In no other country in the Western world are lawyers permitted to be employed by or subordinated to commercial interests," it says. Once lawyers could be employed by commercial organizations, their independence, and that of their legal advice, would be gone.

The paper also says: "Once commercial organizations have secured a foothold in the supply of solicitors' services, how long will it be before they wish to expand to cover all legal services, including those of barristers?"

The Bill, which has already passed through the Commons, proposes to allow conveyancing services by a wide range of institutions as well as sole practitioners, subject to safeguards on conflicts of interest.

The Government has already brought in laws to permit non-solicitor licensed conveyancers, who must take certain qualifications, to do the work.

It also undertook to extend the right to other institutions with a view to stimulating competition and forcing a cut in fees.

But, the society says, conveyancing fees charged by solicitors have dropped by 30 per cent in the face of government policy to end the conveyancing monopoly.

Competition has taken a firm hold, advertising is "clearly here to stay" and the house buyer has benefited from the drop in fees.

There was no reason for the Government to legislate further other than to fulfil the "unwise commitment" given to Mr Austin Mitchell, MP, two years ago when he, without his widely supported House Buyer's Bill to break the conveyancing monopoly, used his position as the financial institutions do not want to offer cheaper, better services to the public; they are now "highly competitive and aggressive" and the aim of owning an estate agency-conveyancing department would be as an outlet for selling their financial services.

Building societies account for one third of all life assurance sales and many managers are expected to sell a certain quota of policies each month to keep up the level of profits. Some societies recommend only the few life companies with which they tend to deal.

That demonstrates that "the consumer is at risk of being exploited by even the most seemingly benevolent institutions if he has no independent source of advice."

Despite the Government's promise that such institutions will not be allowed to employ solicitors to do conveyancing for a customer receiving a loan, that "vital" safeguard is not enshrined in the Bill.

On banks, the society says that solicitors are often asked to draw wills for their customers. The banks are then enraged when the solicitor points out to the customer that the bank charges often twice what a solicitor would for the service.

"If banks behave like this over executorship, can they really be expected to give good advice to conveyancing customers?"

Shinwell portrait will help charity

By Brian Collett

A portrait of Lord Shinwell, painted after a sitting just six days before he died, will indirectly benefit charity. The artist, Mr Waldron West, is to give his £1,500 fee to the appeal fund at the Royal Marsden Hospital.

Members of the Commons and House of Lords, many of whom attended a memorial service yesterday for Lord Shinwell, are contributing to the fee. The Royal Marsden specializes in the treatment of cancer.

Mr West, aged 82, of East Crinford, West Sussex, said: "I painted Lord Shinwell sitting on a chair that is like a throne because he was a king in his own way. But I made his hand look as though it could quite easily give you a left hook. That's how I saw the character of the man."

At the memorial service at Westminster, Lord Home of the Hirsel, the former Prime Minister, said that Lord Shinwell, who died last month aged 101, was "a respected political adversary and valued friend".

Mr Neil Kinnock, the Labour leader, said that Lord Shinwell "was always a fighter who never picked on someone smaller than himself but always took great care to pick on someone bigger than himself".

Memorial service, page 14



The artist Mr Waldron West working on his portrait of Lord Shinwell (Photograph: Harry Kerr)

Postal voting used to rig elections in Northern Ireland

By Sheila Gunn, Political Staff

Political extremists have been forcing elderly voters in Northern Ireland to hand over their postal ballot papers in attempts to rig local council elections.

The latest abuse of the polling system may have swung some closely fought elections in favour of the extremists, Mr Pat Bradley, chief electoral officer for Northern Ireland, disclosed in his 1985-86 report to Parliament yesterday.

The electoral law was changed last year to prevent the impersonation of electors. But that had led to a big increase in postal voting.

Mr Bradley said it was difficult to identify those guilty of intimidating postal voters, let alone convicting them. He emphasized that the play was not confined to any one factor.

He said that those involved obtained a list of postal voters and followed postmen.

While the elderly were especially in need of help in operating the postal vote system, they were also "more susceptible to intimidation."

Identification requirements to stop impersonation have been introduced. In the weeks before the last elections the Northern Ireland Central Services were asked to supply 50,000 medical cards - one of the documents accepted.

"While there was controversy over the effect of the requirement on the electorate, it did have an effect on the actual number perceived level of impersonation", Mr Bradley said.

Report of the Chief Electoral Officer for Northern Ireland, 1985-86 (Stationery Office, £1.90).

21st century's villages

Two new villages in house about 22,000 people are featured in county council plans for Cambridgeshire to the year 2000.

Existing towns will have to be expanded, too, to cope with the predicted population of 700,000 by the beginning of the next century, an increase of 70,000 on today's figure.

according to projections.

Most of the developments will be in the poorer north of the county to encourage jobs.

The proposed new villages will be beside the A10 in Waterbeach, which will cater for a population of 15,000, and alongside the A604 at Swavesey, where 7,000 people will be housed.

Cambridge choice for observatory

By Pearce Wright, Science Editor

Before the transfer takes place, new buildings will be needed. Negotiations have begun with Sir Sam Edwards, Vice-Chancellor of Cambridge University, over a location.

The council said that the financial details were not complete. But Wednesday's decision took account of conflicting submissions by interested groups, including the Royal Society, the Royal Astronomical Society, staff from Herstoncoex, trades union representation and individuals.

The proposed move reflects a big change over the past few years of the observatory's role. The emphasis has shifted from providing national public services such as the *Nautical Almanac* and time signals, and from work on independent research programmes at Herstoncoex, to that of a technical support team allowing all university astronomy departments to have a share in the largest modern telescopes.

About 80 per cent of the work of Herstoncoex staff is connected with operating the La Palma telescopes for academic astronomers in Britain. At any time, more than 50 of the 180 staff from Sussex work at the Northern Hemisphere Observatory.

If approved, Herstoncoex would close about 1990.

The Royal Greenwich Observatory, at Herstmonceux Castle, East Sussex, is to be moved to Cambridge University, in spite of a vigorous campaign by scientists to prevent the closure and sale of the Sussex site.

Sir Bill Mitchell, chairman of the Science and Engineering Research Council, which manages the site, made the announcement yesterday that Cambridge had been chosen from a shortlist to rehouse the observatory's administration, archives and workshops.

The National Maritime Museum is being offered the continued operation of a number of telescopes at Herstmonceux, known as the Equatorial Group, and a public exhibition of astronomical equipment.

An option would be retained to use the Equatorial Group for testing instruments before being shipped to the new Northern Hemisphere Observatory, in La Palma, in the Canaries, where modern £30 million telescopes are coming into service.

Although the submission from Cambridge was recommended on Wednesday at a research council meeting, the case for the move has to be prepared formally for approval by the Department of Education and Science and the Treasury.

Science report

Computer insight into 'Mona Lisa'

By A Special Correspondent

The tricks of computer science, known as image enhancement, that brought the rings of Uranus and the nucleus of Halley's comet in vivid detail on to television screens, are being used to give art historians a better look at the legacies of the great masters.

Techniques for peering beneath a painting's surface are showing preliminary sketches in the development, for instance, of the grace and beauty of flowing garments.

In particular, a method referred to as "penetrating illumination" reveals the hidden layers of paint from which analysis have gathered new insights into the working habits and the individual styles of great artists.

Among some surprises, one group of analysts concluded that the "Mona Lisa" was once adorned with a necklace. Apparently it was painted out, most probably by the artist, Leonardo da Vinci.

In addition to a hidden string of pearl beads, the computer-processed images show previously hidden traces of mountainous scenery in the background.

Dr John Asmus, a physicist at the University of California in San Diego and a specialist in the use of computer image processing of satellite pictures, suggested its extension to works of art.

So a colour image of the painting was converted into a digital form, suitable for computer processing, by the Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, where the radio transmissions from interplanetary spacecraft are first received for conversion into images.

When the "Mona Lisa" was converted into a digital code, computer analysis filtered out the individual colours one at a time, as if the scientists were electronically removing heavy varnish.

The work was done by two computer experts, Mr Ralph Bernstein and Mr Jilendra Dave, at the IBM Scientific Centre in Palo Alto.

Officials at the Museum of the Louvre in Paris, where the "Mona Lisa" hangs, are astonished at the report.

M Christian Lahner, a specialist in the scientific examination of paintings there, said the report from California had prompted plans to expose the painting to infra-red scanning.

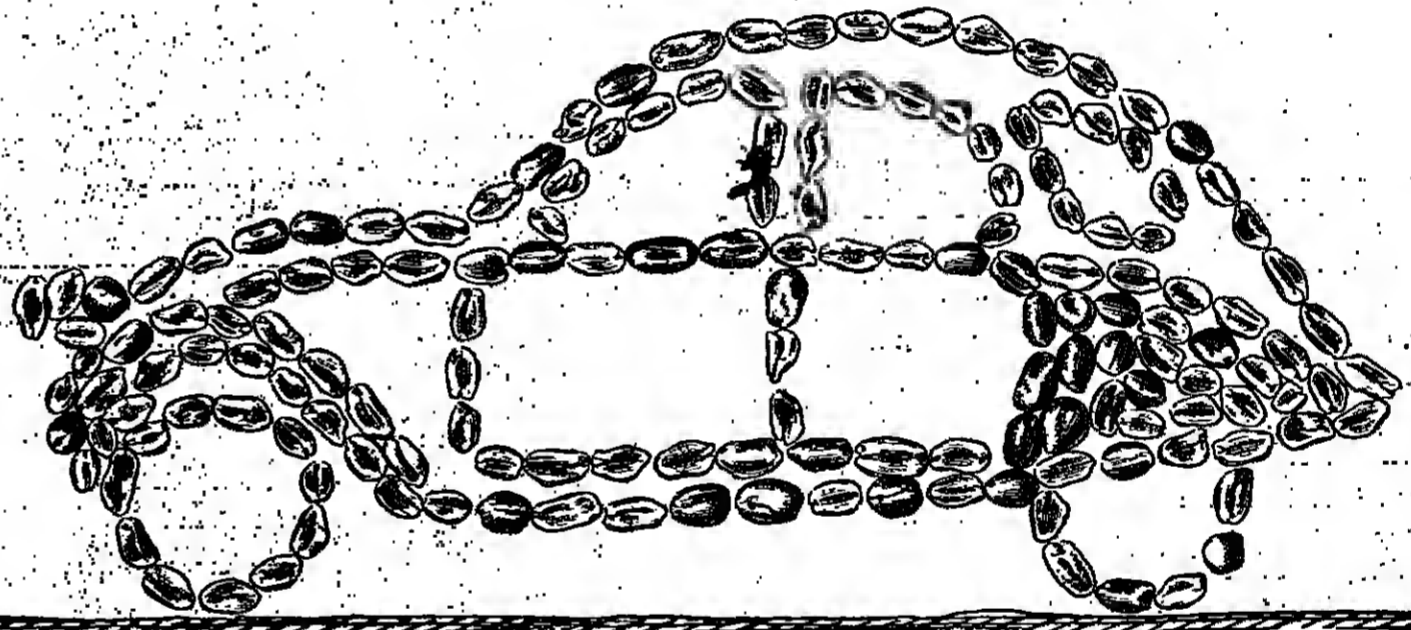
That should show whether it has been altered and whether Leonardo first sketched the figure in black, as done by many artists.

The combined use of infra-red and computer processing is under development by art historians at the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City to look below the surface of such works as Van Gogh's "Annunciation", painted four and a half centuries ago.

In that case a computer was used to piece together an infra-red image showing a sketchy charcoal, or some other carbon-containing material hidden beneath the coloured paint.

While helping historians to trace the evolution of individual styles and schools in art, the process will perhaps be called on to help in settling arguments over the authenticity of a painting.

The paintings by Gerard David of Bruges, for example, were sketched in two separate stages. In black ink he drew a rough outline of less important parts of the painting. Then in brushed ink he produced a detailed design that was meticulously followed in the final painting. In other cases, the great masters appear to have had assistants whose roles are not clear.



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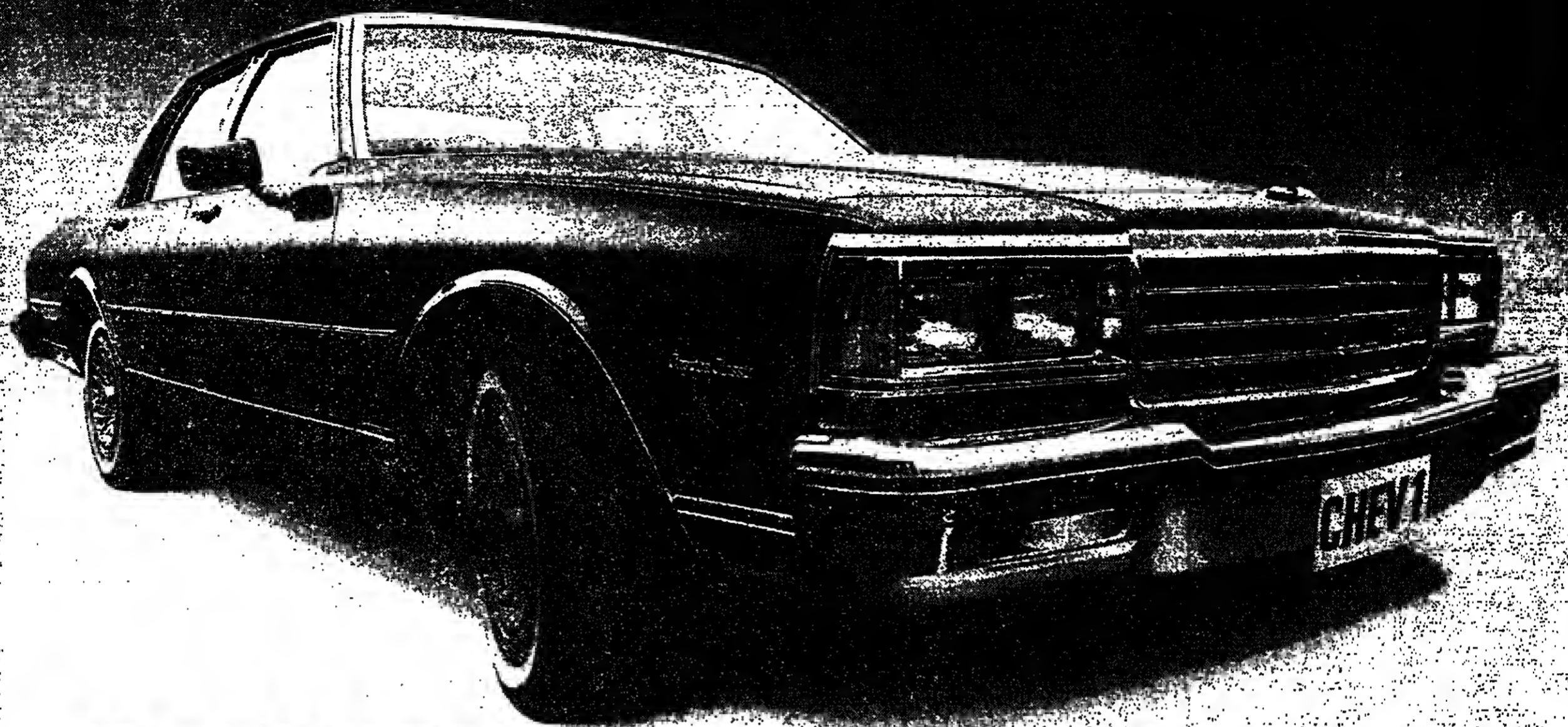
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By now, we hope you've read about the inequity – or should it be iniquity? – of the proposed Tape Levy.

Certainly, if a Tape Levy becomes law by next session, you're soon likely to notice even more conspicuous symbols of success being flaunted by record company executives and pop personalities.

Because it's hard to regard a levy on blank audio tape as anything other than icing on an already rich cake.

Although all copyright holders are supposed to benefit, the lion's share will probably go to the fat cats of music.

Home taping may often be an infringement of our outdated copyright laws. But only technically.

The vast majority of taping at home is for

perfectly reasonable private purposes.

Yet instead of legalising this harmless activity, the Government, under heavy pressure from the music publishing industry, intends to penalise everyone who buys a blank tape, however innocent their purpose. To the tune of as much as £12 million.

The injustice of this is clearly recognised by influential consumer groups who dismiss a levy as grossly unfair. Its legality under EEC law is also very questionable.

A Tape Levy would be a travesty of justice, which will force the public to pay fines to the moguls of music.

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The South African crisis

Reagan defiant over big House vote for all-out trade embargo

From Michael Binyon, Washington

The White House surprised by the vote in the House of Representatives for the severing of all economic ties with South Africa, insisted yesterday it would have no impact on President Reagan's opposition to tougher US sanctions...

Mr. Larry Speakes, the spokesman, reiterated the Administration's strong opposition to punitive sanctions. The House Bill would force US business to promote negotiations in South Africa and further separate an all-out trade embargo...

The next confrontation is expected next week when, fresh from the Paris UN conference on sanctions, African countries will try to keep up momentum for cornering South Africa economically. They also hope to keep attention on British and US opposition to an embargo...

Mr. Ronald Dellums, a black California Democrat and author of the measure, said: "What we did is going to give a tremendous boost to the momentum of the anti-apartheid movement."

Mr. Thomas, Tip O'Neill, the Speaker, said: "The House has condemned apartheid in the strongest possible terms."

Mr. Eliso de Figueiredo, the Angolan representative, said the vetoes led his Government to feelings of frustration and despair. The vetoes defied and violated the UN charter, he said.

Blank spaces lift newspaper sales

From Michael Hornsby, Johannesburg

Some South African newspapers have reported increased circulation since several controls were placed on what they can report under the national state of emergency declared last week by President P.W. Botha...

Under the emergency regulations, any member of the police force or the Army can, without warrant, enter and search any building and seize any material, he considers a threat to public safety...

Tambo call for union support

From Alan McGregor, Geneva

A call to the world trade union movement to use its power to bring all trade with South Africa to a halt, without waiting for governments to act, was made yesterday by Mr Oliver Tambo, chairman of the African National Congress...

Bonn seeks the release of political prisoners

From Franz Johnson, Bonn

The West German Foreign Minister, Herr Hans Dietrich Genscher, said yesterday he did not believe South Africa could become a communist. The possibility could only arise if present racial unrest developed into a race war...

South Africa, but said "appropriate" measures should be adopted at the Common Market summit in The Hague next week. His speech reflected Bonn's tendency to stay in step with Britain on the sanctions issue...

Botha says Thatcher had to veto sanctions

By Our Foreign Staff

Mr R.F. (Pik) Botha, South Africa's Foreign Minister, yesterday said Mrs Thatcher's rejection of imposing sanctions against his country was borne out of her own self-interest and the need to protect thousands of jobs...

certain degree. France is taking it in the interests of those governments. They are concerned about unemployment - the hundreds of thousands of jobs that might be lost...

Basque hotel bomb injures businessman in Seville

From Richard Wigg, Madrid

A Spanish businessman was slightly injured yesterday when a bomb went off in his room in the four-star Macarena Sol hotel in Seville. He was the first person to be injured in the current campaign by Eia, the Basque armed separatist organization...

The bomb, which had been placed in the wardrobe in the fourth floor bedroom, went off about 7 am. The other 350 guests at the hotel, including tourists, had been evacuated...

González sees votes in Mexico

From Richard Wigg, Madrid

Spain's 5-1 World Cup victory over Denmark led to euphoria yesterday and a rapid attempt by Señor Felipe González, the Prime Minister, to associate himself with the success in the evident hope that this would help ensure a second four-year term in Sunday's general election...



EEC air fares plans crash

From Richard Owen, Luxembourg

The EEC Commission's attempt to present European Transport Ministers with an ultimatum over lower air fares and an end to airline cartels ended in scenes of acrimony and chaos yesterday when the ministers refused to discuss the Commission's proposals...

Mr Peter Sutherland, the Commissioner for Competition, and Mr Stanley Clinton Davis, the Commissioner for Transport...

Popularity surge for Mitterrand

From Diana Geddes, Paris

Just three months after the Socialist defeat in the parliamentary elections, President Mitterrand's popularity is back at the record level it attained in the period following his election in May 1981...

Ship hijack leader denies murder

From Peter Nichols, Rome

The leader of the Arab hijackers of the Italian cruise ship 'Achille Lauro' told a Genoa court yesterday that he and his three companions had no part in the death of Leon Klinghoffer, the American passenger with whose murder they are charged...

High toll in Peru jail riots

Lima (Reuters) - Peruvian troops fought pitched battles with leftist guerrillas at two Lima prisons yesterday and a military communiqué said the death toll was high...

Canyon tragedy bodies moved

Grand Canyon Village, Arizona (AP) - The collision of a helicopter and a twin-engine sightseeing plane over the Grand Canyon that killed 25 people, including 14 foreign tourists, may help end unregulated flights over national parks, a Congressman says...

Scientists in SDI warning

Washington - More than 1,600 scientists working in leading government and industrial laboratories yesterday signed a letter warning Congress that the Reagan Administration was pushing ahead too fast with the Strategic Defence Initiative...

Princess Anne off to Canada

Princess Anne, president of the British Olympic Association, flies to Canada today to inspect the sites for the 1988 Winter Olympics in Calgary. The Princess will then fly to join her husband, Captain Mark Phillips, in Toronto...

Train crash

Rome (Reuters) - Twenty-five people were injured, but none seriously, yesterday when a passenger train ran into a stationary locomotive at Rome's Flaminia station, railway authorities said.

Struck off

Tokyo (AP) - The Imperial Household Agency has suspended sales of gold medals bearing a portrait of Emperor Hirohito because of his image is unsuitable in a profit-making venture, an agency official said yesterday.

President ill

Peking (Reuters) - China's 80-year-old President Li Niannian, who has missed at least two scheduled official meetings in the past month, is in hospital, Premier Zhao Ziyang said yesterday. But he declined to say what was wrong with the President.

Pilot killed

Naples (AP) - A US Navy fighter pilot was killed on Wednesday after ejecting from his F14 aircraft over the Mediterranean. A Sixth Fleet spokesman said yesterday.

Killer heat

Delhi (AFP) - The death toll in a heatwave which has hit northern India in the last two weeks rose to 60 yesterday as reports from the western state of Rajasthan said 16 people had died there in the past week.

Ariane date

Bonn (Reuters) - The European Ariane satellite launch programme should be back on course by the end of this year after two recent aborted flights, the Arianeespace president, M. Frederic d'Allegre, said.

Kenya pledge

Nairobi (Reuters) - The Kenyan Government has reassured foreign companies that their investments in the country are safe despite a statement by President Moi that Kenyans should control joint ventures.

One hundred years of Greek studies for Britons

From Mario Modiano, Athens

When the British School was first established in Athens 100 years ago with the help of the Prince of Wales, all a diligent archaeologist needed to make a name for himself was a copy of Pausanias's 'Description of Greece'...

Is archaeology losing the mystique of doubt and controversy on which it has thrived since Sir Arthur Evans discovered the Minoan civilization of Knossos at the turn of the century?

Moon Lycabettus, on a plot offered by the Greek authorities in what was then countryside for the 100,000-odd inhabitants of Athens.

perhaps the glamour of archaeological discovery may have over-shadowed the school's less conspicuous but equally important achievements in the study and research of practically every aspect of Greek culture, history and topography.

As a mark of gratitude to the Greeks for a century of hospitality, the school, which is supported by a British Academy grant for the humanities, set up this year a bursary fund for Greek and Cypriot scholars to do post-graduate work in Britain.

Not so today. As the school celebrates its centenary this week, its Fitch Laboratory can boast an atomic absorption spectrometer that will instantly identify the origin of a potsherd, and a multitude of hi-tech gadgets that can scan the ruins of a buried palace...

The British School has come a long way since its first director, Francis Penrose, had a 'suitable house' built for it in an olive grove at the foot of Lycabettus.

Within the span of a century, the school's contribution to the development of archaeology in Greece has been substantial. Between Penrose's first excavation in 1886 to the Temple of Olympian Zeus on the outskirts of the old city, and the latest British dig this year in Epitaph, it is probably one of the earliest sites of human occupation in Greece.

Tens of thousands of students and scholars of several nationalities took advantage of the school's facilities during its lifespan. Each year British university undergraduates are offered field trips in Greece, and on alternate years teachers of classics come from Britain for a refresher course.

The fund is being endowed from a centenary appeal for £500,000 (equal to the school's total cost for two years). Half of this will pay for an extension of its 60,000-volume library. So far, £350,000 has been raised in Greece and in Britain.

Labour camp threat for Russians on the fiddle

From Christopher Walker, Moscow

The Kremlin has launched a sweeping drive against bribery and corruption, with the passing of a series of Draconian decrees at the closing session yesterday of the bi-annual meeting of the Supreme Soviet, the Soviet parliament.

Under the new laws, a labour-camp term of two years is specified for those convicted of making false declarations about their sources of income on a controversial form which will have to be filled out by any citizen wishing to make a purchase worth more than the equivalent of £10,000.

Western sources said the laws, which also include an attempt to crack down on enterprises producing shoddy goods, were some of the most far-reaching passed in the Soviet Union in recent years. They were seen as evidence that Mr Mikhail Gorbachev had decided to follow his 1985 campaign against alcoholism with an equally difficult drive to root out the booming "black economy".

The most significant of the new decrees passed unanimously by the 5,000 deputies is designed to eliminate "unearned income", cash made illegally in a number of ways, including gambling, black marketing, and moonlighting.

Mr A. Rekunkov, the Soviet Prosecutor-General, told *Izvestia* that "unearned in-

come has become a serious problem due, among other things, to the drop in public discipline which has occurred in the 1970s and the beginning of the 80s... the main source of unearned income is criminal activity: embezzlement, bribery, speculation, extortion."

He said 40 per cent of *dachas* (summer houses) were being built with the illegal use of state equipment.

"Household electricity and gas is being being stolen, construction materials are acquired illegally, gambling has become widespread. Society cannot put up with this."

Commenting on the new laws, due to come into effect on July 1, Mr Vladimir Kuzmin, a senior official at the Ministry of Justice, said: "Groups of people have appeared in our society with clearly-defined private ownership aspirations, and with a contempt for public interests. One way or another, they try to live at the expense of others."

Mr Kuzmin said that under the new laws, bribe-taking on a large scale could be punished by the death sentence. The fine for the driver of a state-owned vehicle who used it for his own profit has been increased from the equivalent of £100 to £1,000.

The Supreme Soviet also passed Mr Gorbachev's first five-year plan, covering development of the economy until 1990.



The Chinese Communist Party leader, Mr Hu Yaobang, with President Mitterrand yesterday at the end of his visit to Paris.

Mitterrand settles date for Chinese nuclear plant deal

From Diana Geddes Paris

Mr Hu Yaobang, First Secretary of the Chinese Communist Party, left Paris for Rome yesterday after expressing his "complete satisfaction" with the third stage of his European tour. He said it had been "crowned with success" as he had his earlier visits to London and Bonn.

Content though both the Chinese and the French seemed with Mr Hu's four-day official visit to France, outlining particularly concrete or

spectacular emerged from his talks with French leaders, apart from the fixing of a date — in mid-October — for signing a final agreement on the construction of a nuclear power station near Canton.

At a joint press conference in Paris yesterday, President Mitterrand and Mr Hu said that although their countries had differences, their views were usually very similar on the broad international situation.

Asked for his views on an

eventual nuclear test ban, Mr Hu said that China had always advocated a complete destruction of all nuclear weapons.

Commenting on reports of differences between "conservatives" and "reformists" within the Chinese Communist Party, Mr Hu said it was "inevitable" that different points of view were put forward at certain moments in the discussion of broad political orientations. But when the moment came to take a decision, "we are always unanimous".

Sikh MPs fight over land swap

Delhi (Reuters) — Fights broke out in Punjab's State Assembly yesterday over a plan to swap 70,000 acres of land for the capital of Chandigarh.

The Press Trust of India said about 25 dissenting parliamentarians of the ruling Akali Dal party, a moderate Sikh grouping, dragged the Speaker, Mr Surjit Singh Mihal, from his chair and knocked off his turban.

The swap was the key to a plan put up last week by the central Government to restore peace to the strife-torn north Indian state.

The land — 0.5 per cent of the majority Sikh state — stood in the way of a deal with neighbouring Haryana, a mainly Hindu state, which would make the city of Chandigarh, presently the shared capital of both states, the capital of Punjab only.

The deal was scheduled for tomorrow, but the Punjab Government of Mr Surjit Singh Barnala has demanded its revision.

Fears for the accord rose after talks on Wednesday night between Mr Barnala and two senior aides of the Prime Minister, Mr Rajiv Gandhi, ended in apparent failure.

Oslo: Norway has been more affected by the drop in oil prices than any other European country. It is in its way almost an old-fashioned morality tale. A country receives a gift from the fates of which it fails to take full advantage, and then suddenly finds that the liquid gold has changed into a much baser metal.

This is not, it is true, exactly a story of riches to rags. As one walks around Oslo today, one is not consumed with compassion for Norwegian poverty. There is new building everywhere. By any standards, this is the prosperous capital of a wealthy country.

Yet there has been an abrupt transformation. A balance-of-payments surplus of more than 25 million kroner (£22 million) last year has swung into an expected deficit of almost the same sum this year. A loss of 6 per cent in real income is calculated for

Oil had disruptive effect on country

the current year. This is bound to be a bit of a shock, even for the affluent.

Mr Hermod Skanland, the Director of the Bank of Norway, told me he is not convinced that oil in such quantities was ever a blessing to Norway. I can see what he means: oil has brought not one but two disruptions to the Norwegian economy.

This was a country with a high standard of living even before oil. But it was an unbalanced economy, heavily dependent upon shipping. So oil brought the prospect not just of still higher living standards, but also of creating a more varied economy. Yet in fact it had a disruptive effect because Norway was not ready for it.

Oil visits in the mid-70s, I used to Norwegian businessmen in other industries lamenting that the coming of oil had made it more difficult for them to compete internationally. It had pushed up wage rates, drawn away skilled staff, and sent the value of the kroner soaring.

Then in the 80s, Norway began to cope better with its benefactor. More engineers and geologists had been trained. Wage increases were not so excessive, and from 1978 to 1983, government spending did not increase at the same rate as the oil revenues. All the state's foreign debt has been repaid.

But then in 1983 the Conservative Government did badly in local elections, and evidently concluded that its policies of restraint were poor politics, even if they were good economics. So the Government decided to spend more. The expansion went too far

COMMENTARY



Geoffrey Smith

too fast. It has given Norway virtually full employment today. But it made the collapse in oil prices all the more disruptive. The trade unions do not accept that the fall is more than temporary. But even on their own reckoning, some catch-up is necessary.

The argument in Norway today is not on the principle of restraint, but on how much and how it should be applied. By raising indirect taxes? By phasing out income tax concessions which particularly benefit the better-off? By reducing public spending?

It is a depressingly familiar argument to British ears. Yet just as the coming of oil was not such a boon as the Norwegians at first imagined, so the

Lock-out was an isolated episode

drop in its value now need not be such a catastrophe. In each case, the Norwegian response is the decisive factor.

The recent lock-out of more than 100,000 workers may have suggested that Norway was losing its famed stability in industrial relations. But this seems to have been an isolated episode, a misconceived attempt on the part of employers to bring to a head difficult negotiations on working hours and minimum wages.

What matters in the long run is whether the fall in oil prices encourages a new realism that money is not around for the taking, and a greater emphasis on the other developing areas in the economy, such as electronics and information technology. If there is a sufficient sense of reality all round they could benefit from lower wage increases, less competition for scarce skills, and a reduced rate for the kroner.

But will Norway be swift to respond to changing conditions now that it was in the 70s? The Norwegian moral is that economic miracles only work with a bit of effort here on earth.

Colombian church seeks more security for Pope's visit

From Geoffrey Matthews Bogotá

Colombia's Roman Catholic Church has called on the authorities to provide even more stringent security for the Pope when already planned during his visit to the country next month, while yet again appealing to subversive groups to abandon the armed struggle after the Interior Minister's escape from an April 19 Movement (M-19) assassination squad early this week.

It is now certain that when the Pope arrives here for a seven-day visit in the first

week of July he will encounter a country living under a state of siege, as indeed it has been — except for brief interludes — since the early 1950s when emergency powers were first introduced.

When M-19 ambushed the chauffeur-driven limousine of Minister of the Interior, Señor Jaime Castro, in Bogotá early on Tuesday morning he was telling a radio journalist he favoured the lifting of the state of siege — he was on his way to a Cabinet meeting which was widely expected to do just that.

Now all consideration of ending the emergency powers

is said by President Betancur's office to be in indefinite abeyance, and it seems inevitable that his successor, Señor Virgilio Barco Vargas, will take office on August 7 with the state of siege in place.

President Betancur, an independent conservative, was the first president in modern times to begin his four-year term (in 1982) resolutely determined not to rule with emergency powers. He tried to negotiate peace with the nation's various guerrilla groups and managed to do so for 20 months before being forced to impose a state of siege in four departments of

southern Colombia.

In May 1984, the state of siege was extended nationwide after Colombia was rocked by the activities of powerful cocaine barons, whose hit-men assassinated the Justice Minister, Señor Rodrigo Lara Boubilla, who had waged a courageous campaign to drive the drug mafia out of business.

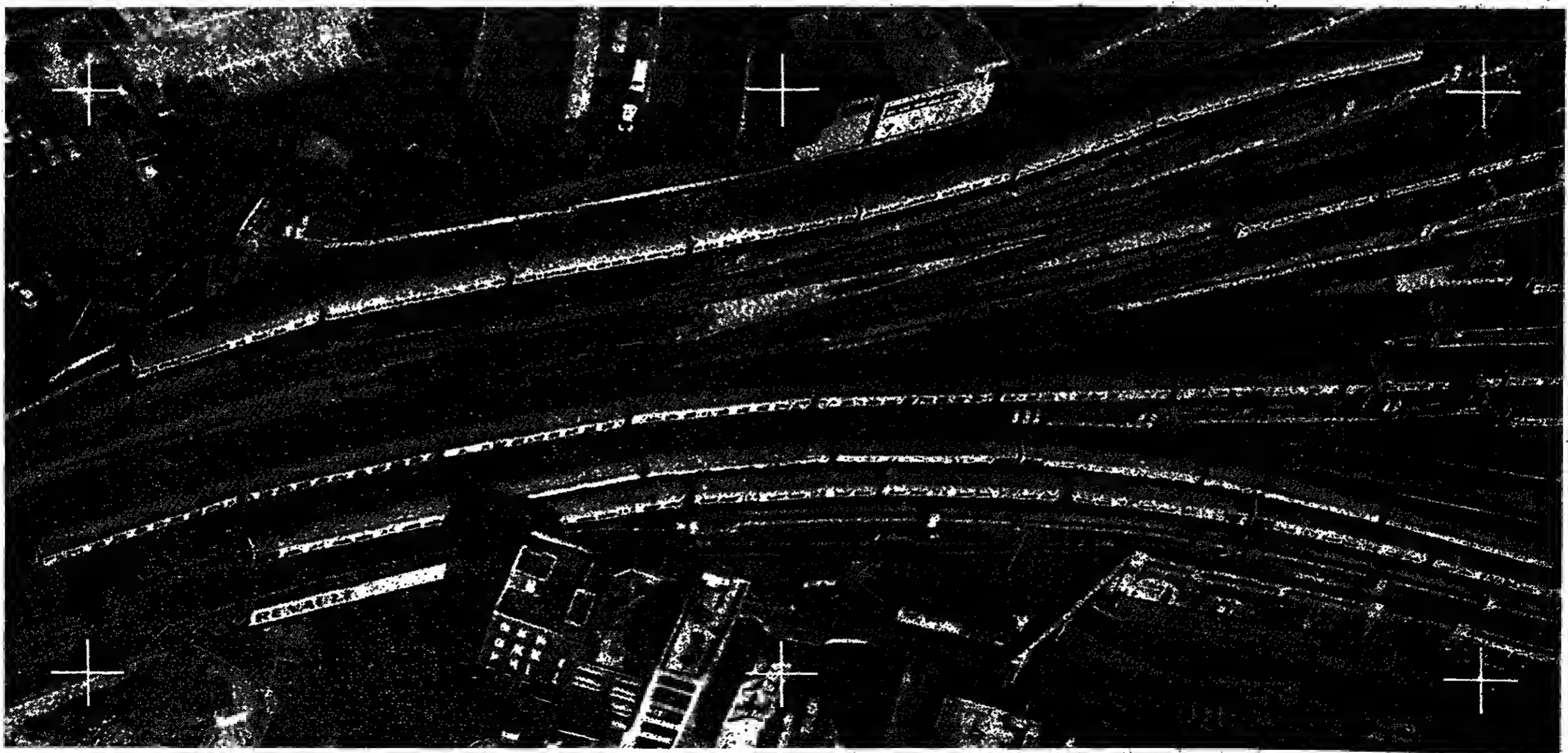
Señor Castro's narrow escape from death — more through luck than anything else — was described by the M-19 group as a reprisal for the "bloodbath" which resulted when Government troops ended the M-19 siege of the Pal-

ace of Justice in Bogotá last November.

The report by two jurists on the administration's management of that crisis had been bobbing around like a hot potato for at least two weeks. It was finally published on Señor Castro's recommendation, before the attempt on his life on Wednesday, and proved to be something of an anticlimax.

Although it was widely forecast that it would harshly criticise Señor Betancur and the Defence Minister, General Miguel Vega Uribe, it is comparatively mild.

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Army and US urge cheaper alternative

Crisis for new Israeli plane

From Ian Murray Jerusalem

Senior members of the Israeli Government are being urged by Mr. George Shultz, the American Secretary of State, and Mr. Caspar Weinberger, the Defence Secretary, to think again about pressing ahead with construction of a new fighter-attack aircraft, the Lavi.

Fears over arms sales to Arab world

Israel was basically opposed to all arms sales to the Arab world, a Foreign Ministry spokesman said in Jerusalem. On Saudi Arabian promises not to use Awas planes against Israel, he said: "It is pretty easy to give commitments, but we always fear that these arms may one day be turned against us."

costs and maintenance of the Army.

Of the rest, \$550 million is being spent on the Lavi, and \$150 million is earmarked for the Navy and for building tanks. There is little left over for modernizing the Army, at a time when Arab countries are building up their arsenals with advanced missiles and artillery.

Letters this week from the two Americans emphasized that the cost of the project should be re-assessed against its overall impact on the Israeli defence budget.

Mr. Weinberger, at a news conference in Washington on Wednesday, was sharply critical of continued development of the aircraft, and insisted Israel should be seeking alternatives.

One suggestion is that the Pentagon could allow Israel to build the American F16 aircraft and fit it with avionics developed for the Lavi.

Despite that, the Government here continues to back development of the Lavi, which is due to be "rolled out" next month and make its first flight in September.

During Independence Day celebrations last month thousands of proud Israelis took the opportunity to look at the aircraft, which is to replace the ageing American-supplied F15, and is meant to maintain air superiority in the Middle East into the next century.

At the same time, American Defence Department experts have been doing their best to persuade Israel to drop the project, even after it has spent about \$1.2 billion (£800 million) on it so far.

While Mr. Yitzhak Rabin, the Defence Minister, was in Washington to sign an agreement bringing Israel into the Star Wars project, he was privately being urged by Mr. Weinberger to drop the Lavi.

The basic American argument is financial, and is being pressed hardest by Dr. Dov Zakheim, US Assistant Secretary of Defence. He led a team of Pentagon experts here earlier this month which tried to persuade Israel that it had got its calculations wildly wrong and was under-estimating the cost of producing each aircraft by \$7 million to \$9 million.

Since America meets 70 per cent of Israel's defence expenditure, the cost of this miscalculation would add enormously to the military aid bill.

In Israel the cost of the project is also worrying top military officers, regardless of whose estimate is correct. The Lavi accounts for a quarter of the total defence budget, and will need even more if it goes into production.

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The Chief of Staff, General Moshe Levy, said as much in an interview this week. The Lavi, he said, was professionally better because it was like a good, tailor-made suit. It was possible, however, to buy a perfectly satisfactory suit off the peg.

Even if Israel's own figures are correct, the cost of producing the aircraft is enormous in comparison to the defence budget. American military aid is running at \$1.8 billion, of which half is spent on running

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Japanese invent leg powered by battery

Tokyo (Reuter) - A voice-activated wheelchair and an artificial leg (pictured left) that will greatly improve freedom of movement for the handicapped have been developed in Japan, a Government spokesman said yesterday.

The Ministry of International Trade and Industry said the wheelchair was the first voice-activated model able to move in all directions. Mounted on a hydraulic lift on a wheeled platform, it can respond to 30 simple spoken commands that order 360 degree rotation of the wheels, 180 degree swivelling of the chair and a seven inch lift.

A second version of the chair can shift a partially handicapped person into a semi-standing position, the spokesman said. The artificial leg is powered by a battery and activated by an electronic sensor that responds to the user's upper leg and hip muscle movements in a similar way to a real leg. It bends at the knee and allows the user to climb stairs in a natural way.

The Ministry, which funded the six-year 500 million yen (£2 million) project, said there were 500,000 potential customers for the chair and 50,000 for the leg in Japan. They will be ready for sale in about three years and will cost about two million yen each.

Paris and NZ to accept UN referee

From Richard Long, Wellington

New Zealand's Prime Minister, Mr David Lange, confirmed last night that Wellington would abide by the ruling of the UN Secretary-General, Señor Javier Pérez de Cuellar, when he arbitrates on differences between New Zealand and France arising from the Rainbow Warrior affair.

New Zealand and France will present their positions to the Secretary-General forthwith. Both sides have agreed to abide by his ruling. Both Paris and Wellington were confident the ruling would be "equitable and principled". The chief point at issue is the fate of the French agents, Dominique Prieur and Alain Mafart, jailed for 10 years for their part in the sabotage last year of the Greenpeace protest ship in Auckland harbour and the death of a crew member.

Mr Lange has said the agents would not be "released to freedom", and it is assumed this requirement is in Wellington's terms of reference for the arbitration. It has been speculated that the agents could be transferred to a form of detention in another country. Other outstanding differences include Wellington's demand for approximately \$NZ20 million (£7 million) compensation.

While Mr Lange did not mention trade in his statement, a spokesman said Paris had lifted a ban on importation of New Zealand lamb brains, worth \$NZ28 million a year.

PARIS: The Rainbow Warrior was sunk as it prepared to protest against French nuclear tests (Reuter reports). Earlier talks between Paris and Wellington on settlement of the dispute got nowhere because New Zealand refused to negotiate release of the agents. France at first denied any involvement in the affair but after a political crisis in Paris and the resignation in September of the Defence Minister, M Charles Hernu, it admitted the ship was blown up by secret agents.

Inquiry likely into Shin Bet cover-up

From Our Own Correspondent, Jerusalem

It is now likely there will be a full investigation into allegations that two Palestinians were murdered by Israel's counter intelligence agency, the Shin Bet, which then organized a cover-up - but it will be conducted with total secrecy.

The final decision on whether there will be an investigation must be made by the new Attorney-General, Mr Yosef Harish, who has said it is "unavoidable". But he has said he will not make up his mind about how to conduct the investigation until after he has consulted Mr Shimon Peres, the Prime Minister, and Mr Yitzhak Shamir, the Vice Prime Minister.

For his part, Mr Peres has made it clear he will reluctantly agree to an investigation but it must be held with complete secrecy to avoid harming national security. Mr Shamir is opposed to any investigation but given that one is "unavoidable", he is certain to insist on secrecy.

Total secrecy, however, will be difficult to ensure given the extensive number of leaks about the affair, which alleges that two Palestinian hijackers were murdered on the orders of Mr Avraham Shalom, the Shin Bet chief, who then master-minded a cover-up.

Mr Yitzhak Zamir, the former attorney-general, has been blamed for the leaks and two Knesset members have laid official complaints against him, accusing him of revealing state secrets.

There is also a growing lobby in the Knesset arguing that Mr Shalom will have to be replaced now that his identity is known.

Today, a former senior Shin Bet officer, Mr Rafi Malka, will bring a case against the Government and Shin Bet itself for wrongful dismissal. The case is to be heard in secret, but Mr Malka has claimed that he lost his job after complaining to the Prime Minister that a cover-up had been put together after the death of the two Palestinians.

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Kuwaitis suspect sabotage

Kuwait (Reuter) - Firemen put out a blaze set off by a string of explosions on Tuesday evening at Kuwait's main oil export refinery, the Kuwait News Agency, Kuna, reported.

The Prime Minister, Sheikh Saad al-Abdulla al-Sabah, indicated that the blasts might have been caused by what he called "criminal acts".

But the Oil Minister, Sheikh Ali al-Khalifa al-Sabah, said that sabotage could not be confirmed until after an investigation into what he said were four simultaneous explosions at or near the Mina al-Ahmedi refinery, 20 miles south of Kuwait City.

Security forces continued their investigation as the newspaper al-Qadisi reported it had learned that five bombs caused the explosions around the 275,000 barrel-a-day refinery.

Bourguiba names successor

Tunis (Reuter) - President Bourguiba of Tunisia yesterday named months of speculation about the political future of his Prime Minister, Mr Muhammad Mzali, by confirming him as his successor.

Mr Bourguiba, a frail figure at the age of 82, was prompted by presidential aides throughout his speech, which he read with difficulty at the 12th congress of his ruling Destourian Socialist Party (PSD).

It was his first public statement concerning Tunisia's enduring succession issue since he reshuffled his Cabinet in April, limiting the power of Mr Mzali and sacking some of his closest Cabinet associates. Mr Mzali, the Prime Minister for the past six years and Interior Minister since the bloody 1984 "bread riots", lost the latter job in the reshuffle.

Laos accused of killing 35 refugees in Thailand

Bangkok (Reuter) - Thai newspapers carried gruesome pictures of mutilated Laotian women and children yesterday as Laos denied that its troops were responsible for a weekend massacre of 35 refugees in northern Thailand.

A Thai military spokesman said 11 women, three girls, 15 boys and six men - all seeking refuge from Laos - were killed six miles inside Thailand's Phayao province. Pointing to pictures of the charred victims, the spokesman asked: "Where are the international human rights organizations now?"

Foreign diplomats were shocked by the pictures and reports of an apparently well-planned military operation against helpless civilians. But there was no independent confirmation of Thai charges that the attack was undertaken by Laotian Government troops acting with the knowledge of Vientiane.

The Laotian Ambassador rejected Thailand's charges that Laotian troops were responsible for the killings. Thailand said Laotian troops used machineguns, hand grenades and rocket grenades in their attack on a hamlet of about 150 unarmed Laotians, killing 35 people.

One survivor said the refugees fled into Thailand about three months ago because Laotian soldiers stole livestock and property, conscripted men for labour and raped one girl.

The Thai Foreign Ministry, in a protest note prepared for the United Nations, called it a premeditated atrocity "solely motivated to stem the flow of Laotian emigrants who fled from oppressive conditions in Laos".

Informed Thai military sources said Laotian Government troops killed 13 civilians inside Thailand's Loi province on September 14 last year, apparently over a trading dispute. But the incident was not widely known and Bangkok did not make a public protest.



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The shame of Shin Bet



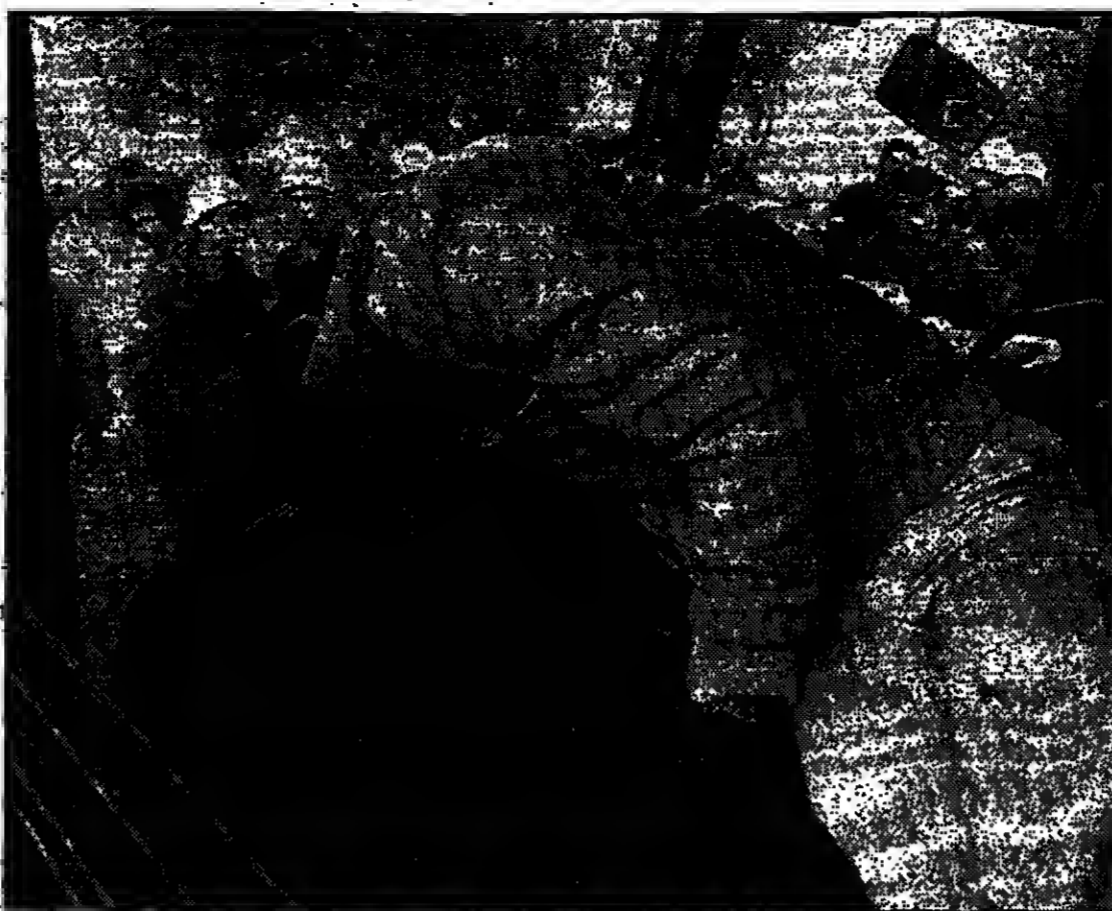
Israel's secret service, Shin Bet, is now certain to face the glare of an inquiry after the deaths in custody of two Palestinian terrorists, the survivors of a gun

bloody hijack of a bus. A news photograph (above) proved they were alive after the attack.

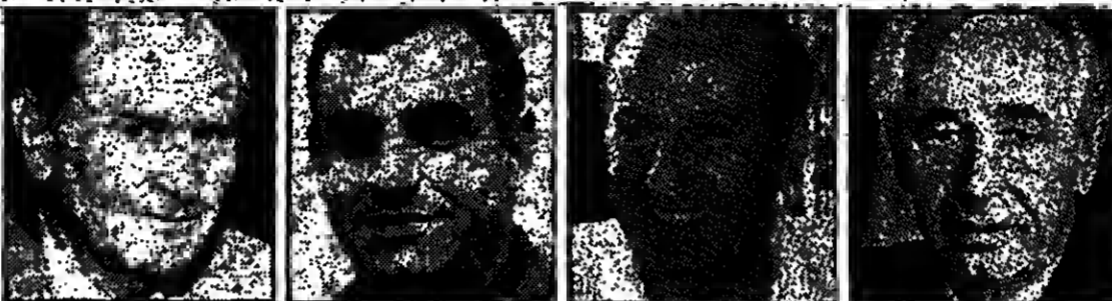
Ian Murray reports on a far-reaching scandal.

Israel's prized and much-vaunted counter intelligence agency, the Shin Bet, is in disgrace. It is bound to change its methods but it is difficult to see how this can be done for the better. Operationally it is facing problems which must undermine its undoubted efficiency in controlling terrorism inside Israel.

Yitzhak Zamir, who was replaced as Attorney-General a week after insisting that he would open a police inquiry into what had happened. His evidence was provided by three very senior Shin Bet officers, who suggested that the agency's head, Mr Avraham Shalom, had actually ordered the killings and then arranged a careful cover-up.



Killed by commando: one of the hijackers slumped over the wheel of the bus



Caught in the crossfire: (from left) Yitzhak Zamir, replaced as Attorney-General; Yitzhak Mordechai, officer in charge; Yosef Harish, new Attorney-General; Shimon Peres, PM

putting forward a confession. It is equally rare for the defendant not to claim that the confession was obtained under torture.

Where harsh treatment ends and torture begins may be a fine line, but Shin Bet does not have a feared reputation for nothing. Shin Bet may well feel it can justify rough tactics.

But if there is a suspicion that confessions are being extracted under torture and that evidence is being fabricated, the courts may find it very difficult to pass judgement.

Perhaps the most serious question is what is now happening to morale inside Shin Bet. The evidence against its chief was supplied by three of his closest associates, who have worked with him down the years. One of them might have expected to succeed to the job. But despite all their training and inevitable loyalties, the three decided to sacrifice their careers and put the service itself at risk by giving information to the Attorney-General.

Mr Shalom is a highly respected officer, who is said to be much admired by the Prime Minister. Yet the Shin Bet leader's colleagues have turned against him. Why they decided to make the case known remains a mystery, but they are said by Mr Zamir to have been moved by concern of the way the agency was working above and beyond the law. Intelligence agencies in any democracy tend to break the law with a certain amount of impunity and it is the duty of their leaders to make sure that they do not overstep the mark in a way which will challenge the safety of the democracy itself.

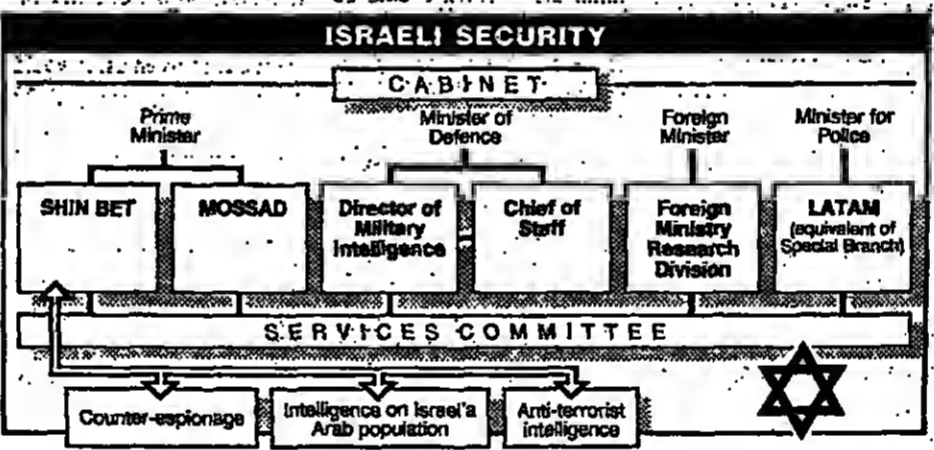
This is a serious matter to be which the three decided to blow the whistle.

Spymasters who created a nation

In the beginning were the spies. They were sent by Moses into the Land of Canaan and returned with grapes and stories of a land flowing with milk and honey. From this biblical espionage reconnaissance grew the people's craving and claim for a modern state of Israel.

the Mossad Aliyah Beth or Institute of Illegal Immigration. They scoured Europe for weapons to arm the Hagana - the underground army. That was the Rekhesh. They penetrated deep into the British administration of the Mandate, army and police.

best known by its Hebrew initials 'Shin Bet'. With independence won almost the first order issued by Israel's first Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion was to reshape the secret service to meet the needs of a new state. Shai was split into three to include a military intelligence unit, the Agat Modin (Aman), the political department of the foreign ministry and the internal security unit - Shin Bet.



recruited many of its new small teams from Shin Bet, which had already built up a considerable counter-espionage reputation of finding Soviet infiltrators. Within a couple of years the dynamic and rather ruthless Isser Harel, the head of Shin Bet, was moved over to run the new organisation. For the next ten years he was basically in charge of both internal and external security and he imposed his standards, morals and personality on both services.

It became more methodical and more ruthless. The intelligence services ran as a military operation. The scale of the Israeli triumph in the Six Day War was a dangerous inspiration for its military and security services. The feeling of invincibility was strong and the certainty of Arab cowardice and fallibility was total. That led directly to the massive intelligence blunder which meant Israel was caught flat-footed at the start of the Yom Kippur war in 1973.

The long term result of the Six Day War was international terrorism. This was not exactly new, but the whole scale of it changed. In this fight, Shin Bet has had to come into its own, often using the Mossad as its executioner, to track down and kill wanted terrorists round the world. Shin Bet and Mossad still regard assassination of key terrorists as justifiable.

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A reason to keep on running

Twenty years after his pop heyday Steve Winwood is back on the road with a new album

When it comes to longevity in the rock music business, Steve Winwood is in a class of his own. Though he is of an age with Mark Knopfler, Peter Gabriel and Robert Palmer, he is from an earlier era.

Still only 37, his single "Keep on Running" was in the charts while his contemporaries were still finding their way around the first board. On the road at 15, he might share the bill in those days with Dusty Springfield or the pre-"Satisfaction" Stones, yet more than 20 years later his appeal is still fresh and vivid.

followed the 1980 *Arc of a Diver*, itself a spontaneous best-seller here and in America. Both are considered collectors' items, not least because they were composed, performed, engineered and produced by Winwood himself.



Steve Winwood: a comeback

In recent years he has rationed his work and appearances. His output could hardly be described as prolific - since 1979 there have been a mere 16 songs on two albums - but Winwood's clarity of purpose will ensure that his new album, *Back in the High Life Again*, will be greeted warmly on its release on June 30.

"I'm a slow worker," he smiles, apologetically. "There's absolutely no excuse."

Looking remarkably untouched by the years, the complexion fresh, the russet hair fashionably cut, and the hazel eyes clear, he exudes a shy but genial charm. With the album comes a single, "Higher Love", and a world tour. Once notoriously reclusive, he has taken advice and is prepared to do battle with the spotlight again.

"It's true, I haven't performed much in recent years. Most of my work has been in the studio, which I have enjoyed a great deal," he explained. "I'm getting to like performing again but you can understand I went off it - I'd done 15 years on the road and I wanted a break. Now there is a world tour I suppose I've got to like it!"

Justifiably, he has never been an artist to cloak his music in extravagant light shows and dancing girls, but with new managers and, one senses, a new push to capitalize on his rare talent, the tour will be visually more appealing than previously.

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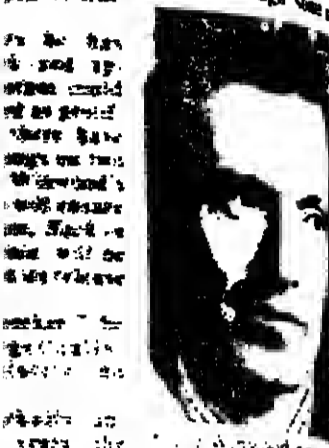
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My vocation: Vivienne Faulk, chaplain at Claire College, Cambridge insists 'We are talking about when, not if'

Equal before God?

The argument as to whether women should be ordained as priests has been raging for some time. But the debate took an extraordinary turn yesterday with news of a proposal to divide the Church of England into two - one part with women priests and one without.

The ordination of women may split the Church of England next month. Lee Rodwell talks to three potential priests who are waiting to join the ministry

and then going away again. But she admits that "it is hard for people to understand. Locals used to call me the Lady Vicar. And it was difficult when they asked me to do their weddings and I had to say no. I always felt awful. I just felt I'd like to be able to do the job properly."

Her main concern is that by refusing to allow women to be ordained as priests, the church continues to affirm that women are inferior. She says: "Women are dishonoured throughout the world. I do believe that through Christianity women have been set free. Even St Paul said 'husbands love your wives' which was quite something at the time. But we have a long way to go and the church should be leading the way, not dragging its heels."

Barbara Baker, aged 50, from Hornchurch in Essex, is just finishing her first year's training at Lincoln Theological College. She says: "The reasons why a woman goes into the church are really no different from a man's. You receive a call and most of us, both men and women, are reluctant to start with. It's the 'why me?' feeling."

Passive smoking: no significant danger

Over the last few years continuous passive smoking (inhaling other people's smoke) has become widely accepted as dangerous but a major piece of research to be published in next month's British Journal of Cancer has the hallmark of turning the received wisdom into one of the medical controversies of the year.

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patient departments, on at least two occasions, with recurrent stomach upsets, frequently complaining of constant burping.

ly when they are trying to overcome the additional weight of water surrounding their bodies when they go for a swim.

The researchers - from the Institute of Cancer Research in Surrey - conclude that passive smoking, for life-long non-smokers, carries no significant increase in risk of lung cancer, bronchitis, or heart disease - all commonly associated with smoking.

After reassuring the patient that there really is nothing to worry about, another year lapses, the GP succumbs to pressure and the patient again turns up in the outpatient department - on average five years after the first appointment.

A thorough investigation showed that there was a physical explanation for her difficulties.

People exposed to passive smoking are also more likely to be smokers themselves while finding a non-smoking victim of lung cancer is relatively difficult. These, and many other points, leave the researchers convinced that until further detailed research is completed, any increase in risk between passive smoking and lung cancer and other smoking associated diseases is not a true reflection that passive smoking is dangerous.

Everyone has some breathing difficulties while learning to swim. Coordinating arms and gasps without swallowing a mouthful of chlorine or salt water is a skilled operation. But before you next take the plunge spare a thought for people who have difficulty breathing when they are simply standing in water up to their chests.

Whether or not the damp spring has attracted more mosquitoes to this country is questionable. Anyone who lives near marshy land, spends summers in Scotland or regularly goes fishing knows that they can be a menace any year.

Five-year burp The seven-year itch immortalized on celluloid - by Marilyn Monroe) is an extreme example of cyclical human behaviour, when people are overcome with a desire to change sexual partners. More prosaic examples are sleep and ovulation but most intriguing, however, is the five-year burp syndrome described in a recent issue of The Lancet by Dr John Wright. He describes over 40 patients who had attended out-

These are people who, for a variety of reasons have weak diaphragms - that's the partition between the stomach and the lungs. During normal breathing the diaphragm lowers and rises automatically so air rushes in and out of the lungs. People who have weak diaphragm muscles find breathing difficult, particu-

This year, too, preparations containing ethoxycarbonyl have been marketed. It is slightly less powerful than deet but also less smelly. Jungle Formula is one of the best preparations containing deet while some of the Z-Stop range contain ethoxycarbonyl.

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In the July issue: Testing the Wellington bomber, The Air War over Vietnam, French Block 220, Flying circus memories

Ratatatat: where's Albert?

While we have been away on holiday, Albert took up residence in our London home. I returned to find a cereal packet ripped open and the dog biscuits scattered. Thinking we must have a plague of large mice I rang the pest department of the local council.

FIRST PERSON

Sally Bruce-Gardyne



and lots of rat droppings. By now the boss was convinced I was awaking with rats. The hunt was on. "Fetch a mirror", he croaked. Hearing himself right inside the cupboard, he peered round with mirror and torch. After much heavy breathing he gave a triumphant yell. "Hand me the gun, Bert." Bert fumbled in his canvas bag and produced an evil looking pistol with a silencer. At least that is what it looked like to me. I feared the cupboard might shatter or the neighbours think I was being attacked by Elchans. However, I was relieved to see that it was loaded with an air gun pellet.

Advertisement for 'GROWL BARK WHINE GROWL YELP!' featuring a star graphic and a dog named Mike. Text includes: (Ruffly translated) Is this any way to treat a film star? BARK GROWL Dear Fans, YELP BARK WOOF BARK GROWL WHINE I am sorry I can't pad over to your beautiful country so you BARK PANT WHINE YELP GROWL BARK WOOF BARK GROWL could see me in person. But the authorities were going to lock me up! For six months! I mean WOOF BARK GROWL BARK WHINE PANT GROWL BARK YELP would they do this to Nick Nolte, Bette Midler or Richard Dreyfuss? Would they put them in PANT WOOF GROWL BARK GROWL BARK WHINE YELP BARK quarantine? No. As I was barking to my psychiatrist only this morning, this kind of treatment BARK GROWL PANT WHINE YELP BARK WOOF BARK GROWL could leave permanent scars. But I don't like to whine. Go see my latest movie, GROWL PANT WHINE BARK WOOF Down and Out in Beverly Hills. You'll find it a real howl. GROWL PANT Yours pantingly, Mike PS. If you'd like my photo and pawtograph write to: Mike the dog, Down and Out in Beverly Hills, c/o Touchstone Films, 500 So Buena Vista Street, Burbank, California, 91521, U.S.A.

THE TIMES DIARY

Talking to Tambo?

Will the government talk to exiled African National Congress leader Oliver Tambo when he arrives in Britain to address the Royal Commonwealth Society on Monday?

Red peril

At least Labour can unite around the issue of South Africa. Or can it? Militant launched a "Labour movement call to action" at the Commons yesterday by calling on Neil Kinnock and Roy Hattersley to stop their support for "liberal capitalists" in South Africa.

Flag waiver

No sooner does Labour sweep back into power at Brent Council than its chief executive, Michael Richard, decides to quit. After six years in the London borough, he moves in September to green and pleasant Gloucestershire, where he has been appointed chief executive of the (hung) county council.

The Archbishop of Canterbury is planning to spend the whole of next Lent in retreat at All Souls College, Oxford. Does All Souls' food really constitute an appropriate Lenten penance?

Fallback

It may look wonderful but, as London swelters, guess which high-tech building's air-conditioning is on the blink? The brokers' headquarters at 100 Old Broad Street, where the City's search for electric fans yesterday, "We can't put the air-conditioning on full until the building is completely occupied," said a spokesman.

Cook's tour

The Catering Advisory Committee of Perth, Western Australia, is trawling Europe for 100 chefs to help man the city's fleet of restaurants for the America's Cup contest this winter. Perth expects half a million visitors during the four months of Cup races and can't find enough home-grown chefs to meet the challenge.

Odd bod

The government quango, the Economic and Social Research Council, has made a bit of a hash of a tribute to one of its former members who has died. An *erratum* slip in its latest newsletter points out that the obituary should have referred to him as "gentle and diffident" - not "gentle and different".

Unstuck

I understand that the Federation of Conservative Students has been rehabilitated to the extent of being invited back to No 10. Mrs Thatcher restored the tradition of an annual chat with the FCS national committee earlier this week - last year's having been cancelled amid an inquiry into the behaviour of its members.

Off-limits

London's cabbies are planning a guerrilla campaign to fight the pedestrianization of Oxford Street, rumoured to be ready for unveiling on Tuesday by Westminster City Council and the Oxford Street traders' association. The question most frequently asked of cabbies by tourists is: "We're going shopping: where do we go?" They are duly taken to Oxford Street. But no longer. Arnold Sandler, chairman of the Licensed Taxi Drivers Association, tells me: "We will recommend Knightsbridge, Kensington, Edgware Road and many other nice shopping areas instead."

PHS

Writing off a second chance

David Walker sees the threat to Birkbeck College as part of a government assault on higher education generally

The fate of Birkbeck College in the University of London is a shame and a political embarrassment. Lord Young, the Employment Secretary, and Kenneth Baker, at Education, speak approvingly of opportunities for adults to return to the classroom and lecture hall and equip themselves for, say, a changed career.

incident, and that is even more disturbing than any conspiracy. Neither the UGC nor the government appears to have willed a financial crisis on Birkbeck. In principle its fate lies in the hands of the court or governing body of the University of London, which is responsible for the allocation of money to constituent colleges.

various branches of science and useful knowledge - poignant phrases in the light of the government's ambitions to make higher education more vocationally oriented.

equivalents" from 2,317 in 1985-86 to 1,387 by 1989-90. Background factors worth bearing in mind include the UGC's judgement (stoutly resisted by Birkbeck staff, naturally) that five of its subject areas rank as below average.

After the libel action, John Casey on Taki's barbed and wounding art

Malice in wonderland

Gossip columnists should invent - that is, they should invent characters to satirize real foibles, rather than invent foibles to wound real people.



Charles Moore sullen on his agonizing choice. High Life high jump? Gourmandizing a la Grecque. Me, I hate everyone.

The best columnists are still those - few in number - who actually know the people they write about, share most of their values, but hate a good number of their friends.

point. Few writers are capable of this, and they simply let lies, because they lack the imagination to create fictions.

just spent 10 days in my favourite city and they flew by as fast as Mussolini's Alpine heroes fled when the Greek army counter-attacked in Albania in 1940.

sound instincts is obviously something more than a simple gossip columnist. These reflections are prompted in part by my own recent disagreeable experience of being libelled in a well-loved satirical magazine.

Yankee stay out - Mexico says it again

Mexico City One of the more curious staging posts on the Mexico City tourist itinerary is the Museum of Intervention. The museum, in a former convent, keeps a minute, religious record of every US intervention on Mexican soil since the early 19th century.

that No 164 had just taken place. Anti-US rage has dominated the political pages as much as World Cup fever has the sports.

American right of all people, would come to the rescue. And precisely at a time when, building on World Cup passions, the PRI leaders, it has been learnt, had decided to draw on Mexican nationalism - which is synonymous with anti-Americanism - as the central strategy in its aim to keep popular discontent at bay.

Mexico foreign policy is simply another element of internal policy. Applying the cold logic of power, the PRI has learnt to draw strength from passions that all Mexicans feel.

David Watt Empty gesture with a point

What is happening to British public opinion over South Africa? Is anything much happening at all? It is a striking result of the recent Harris opinion poll on the subject that even now no more than 50 per cent can be found to say that South Africa ought to be ruled by the black majority.

sympathetic light. Conversely, it unites Labour in a virtuous posture which carries almost no political cost. Most potential Labour voters cannot appreciate the real cost of sanctions in terms of British jobs and services, and as long as whites are not being killed in large numbers there is no anti-black backlash in the working men's clubs to worry about.

Why do so many of this group care quite so passionately, and why are so many of them wedded to the idea of sanctions? Why should they be so much more more agitated about repression in South Africa, disgusting as it is, than about repression in a dozen other countries, not least the Soviet Union?

Sanctions are not invariably pointless, but in the South African case there is no reason to suppose that an Afrikaner government would abandon what it sees as its vital interests under external pressure, any more than the Israeli or the Soviet - government would do.

moreover... Miles Kingston

Rage against the dying of the light

Cuthbert Millinder is getting into place for start of play. He has sat in the same seat since 1946. Very Rev Millinder: One day in 1961 I found a man sitting in my seat. He was wearing the tie of an inferior regiment and eating potato crisps, so I told him sharply that the seat was reserved for the Bishop, and he left reluctantly.

First Commentator: It is early morning, slow-dawning day here at the ground. Stumps lie in dumps, bails lie in bales, and the nets are slack and empty. Listen. All you can hear is the popping of the popping crease. A seagull overshoots the ground and crashes on yesterday's sandwiches. Down the rich green kingdom of the outfield there is nothing but grass. If you listen carefully, you can hear it growing.

John Carlin



COURT AND SOCIAL

COURT CIRCULAR

WINDSOR CASTLE
June 19: The Queen, with the Duke of Edinburgh, honoured Ascot Races with her presence today.

Memorial meetings

Lord Shirwell, CH
The Prime Minister was present at a memorial meeting for Lord Shirwell, CH, held in the House of Lords yesterday.

Lord Home of the Hirsel, the Ambassador of Israel and Mr Neil Kinnock...

Birthdays today

Professor Arthur Bell, 60; Lord Brightman, 75; Miss Catherine Cookson, 80; Miss Wendy Craig, 52...

Births, Marriages, Deaths and In Memoriam

SOUYAVE - On June 13th at Kings College Hospital, to Laura and Joe, a son, Louis Frederick.

DEATHS
ABBOTT - On June 16th 1986 in husband's bed, Whatham, Hills, 75 years.

DEATHS continued
ABBOTT - On June 16th 1986 in husband's bed...
ATTWOOD - On June 17th 1986 in Dorchester...

Appointments

Latest appointments include: Sir Frank Soskice, former Bailiff of Jersey, has been appointed as a Judge of the Court of Appeal of Guernsey.

Latest wills

Mr Horace John Allen, of Reading, left estate valued at £1,399,388 net.

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Forthcoming marriages

Mr T.B. Schroder and Miss E.C. Lesker
The engagement is announced between Timothy Bruno, younger son of Mr and Mrs John Schroder...

Marriages

Mr F.W. Merriman and Miss A.J. Sawley
The engagement is announced between Peter Merriman, The Royal Regiment of Fusiliers...

Sale room

Rich pickings in silver market

The silver market took light at Sotheby's yesterday. It was not a well attended sale but a few very rich men had decided that they wanted the unusually fine pieces on offer...

OBITUARY

SIR ALEXANDER SAMUELS Tackling London's traffic problem



Sir Alexander Samuels, CBE, JP, FRSA, who died on June 18 at the age of 80, played an influential role in introducing many of London's current traffic control schemes...

He was chairman of the London and Home Counties Traffic Advisory Committee from 1948, and later Adviser to the Ministry of Transport on London Traffic Management from 1961 to 1965...

Over the next twenty years he chaired committees which made important decisions about the shape of public transport and traffic regulation systems...

His command of languages - he spoke six with fluency and could "get by" with others - made him one of the Yard's principal specialists in international forgery cases.

MR GEORGE HATHERILL



Mr George Hatherill, CBE, who died on June 17 at the age of 87, was from 1954 to 1964, Commander of the CID at Scotland Yard.

Known as the 'Yard as 'Uncle George', Hatherill had a distinguished career of crime detection, during which he tracked down 21 murderers, among them John Christie and the acid bath murderer, Haigh.

He had joined the Metropolitan Police in 1919, first from war service in the army in France and Flanders, and soon became a detective.

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Perhaps his greatest success in this sphere was in 1934 when Britain was being flooded with forged insurance stamps. Hatherill, then a sergeant, was sent to Poland and discovered the source of the illicit manufacture...

for the Great Train Robbers, personally leading the raid on their hideout.

Hatherill was the epitome of the solid, disapproving policeman, and was noted for his almost Puritanical revulsion from crime, which he once described as "Almost without exception...sordid, wretched and, in many cases, vicious and degrading."

But though he hated any public sentiment to attach itself to the pursuit of crime, his own deductive exploits did, on occasions cloak him with a romantic aura - as when he correctly concluded that a woman's body washed up on a North Cornish beach must have been thrown overboard from a liner off the Isle of Wight.

He published countless scientific papers and edited many books as well as the journal, British Poultry Science.

Novice sweeps the board

By Alan Toogood
Horicultural Correspondent
A newcomer to petagonium growing has scooped many of the major trophies at the British Petagonium and Geranium Society's national competition...

Mr John Evans, of Hornchurch, Essex, has been growing these plants for only 18 months, yet the quality more than matched that of established exhibitors in this keenly contested competition.

He gained the Banksian Medal, awarded to the competitor with most prize money; the Iris Munro Cup, for the best exhibitor in the show; the Margery Stimpson Cup, for the best exhibitor in the amateur classes; the Lady Irene Burton Cup, for the best amateur exhibitor of regal petagoniums...

Returning ashore at the age of 28 he entered Manchester University to read zoology and after graduation, taught for a while at Imperial College, London, and the Sir John Cass Institute.

Luncheons

East European Trade Council
Lord Shackleton, Chairman of the East European Trade Council, presided at a luncheon given yesterday at the Goring Hotel in honour of Mr T. Antalpeker and members of his delegation to the UK/Hungarian Joint Commission.

British Federation of University Women
Baroness Platt of Writtle, Chairman of the Equal Opportunities Commission, and Professor Daphne Jackson were the guests of honor at the Women in Local Public Life Luncheon given yesterday by the British Federation of University Women at Crosby Hall.

Overseas Bankers Club
The Lord Mayor, accompanied by Mr Sherif Chikriy, was entertained by the President of the Overseas Bankers Club, Sir Timothy Bevan, at a luncheon held at the club yesterday.

Reception
Charter Group Partnership
The Charter Group Partnership was launched formally at a luncheon and buffet luncheon at the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales on Thursday.

Service dinners

HMS Mercury
Admiral Sir Richard Fitch, Second Sea Lord, was the guest of honor at a mess dinner held last night at Lydney House, Herefordshire, by the Commanding Officer, P.G. Edgar.

Meeting

Royal Society
The Lord Mayor of Westminster was present at a conversation given by Sir George Porter, President of the Royal Society, at Carlton House Terrace yesterday evening.

Dinners

National Association of Health Authorities
The annual dinner of the National Association of Health Authorities was held at the Civic Centre, Newcastle upon Tyne, yesterday.

Memorial services

HANOVERIAL SMITH
A memorial service will be held for Major General Sir Edmund Haverhill Smith at St George's Chapel, Windsor Castle on Monday, July 7th at 8.15 pm.

IN MEMORIAM - PRIVATE

CARR John - Soap merchant and founder of Carr's Soapery at St George's Chapel, Windsor Castle, 1966.

PITTS-JONES - George Henry Lewis, 17th June 1900. Constantly in the thoughts of his friends and family.

UNIVERSITY NEWS

Surrey
Dr Ronald Walker has been appointed as a professor of food science in the department of biochemistry.

Heriot-Watt
Grain
The Scottish Engineering Research Council, £136,500 in 1985-86, £136,500 in 1986-87.

PROF RALPH PICKFORD

Professor Ralph Pickford, Professor of Psychology at Glasgow University, 1955-73, died on June 7. He was 83.

A research student of Emmanuel College, Cambridge, Pickford did research on the psychology of reading with a grant from the MRC, from 1927 to 1932.

He joined Aberdeen University in 1929 as a lecturer in psychology, moving in 1935 to Glasgow where he became head of the psychology department in 1947; and Professor in 1955.

His works deal with experimental studies of colour vision and visual perception, and with the psychology of art and social and clinical psychology.

Among them are Individual Differences in Colour Vision (1951), The Human Senses and Perception (1963) and Studies in Psychiatric Art (1967).

THE ARTS

Television Carving out a revival

In the story of the Jamaican primitive painter... Celia Brayfield

Cinema

The fight that is never finished

The Mothers of Plaza de Mayo/A Portuguese Goodbye Everyman

King David (PG) Odeon Haymarket

House (15) Leicester Square Theatre; Odeon Marble Arch

Silver Bullet Cannons Haymarket, Oxford Street

With South Africa reminding us daily that the threat to human rights is unrelenting...

In the second half of the 1970s, 30,000 Argentinean citizens disappeared without trace...

In the film the women - some of whom have lost whole families and personally experienced torture - speak directly of their feelings...

intercut other documents: news films of the women confronting policemen chosen for their size and ferocity...

The film plays in a double bill with A Portuguese Goodbye, an academic curiosity by the young Portuguese director Joao Botelho...

Among the other achievements of King David's brief but glorious Israeli empire was the first writing of history...

In consequence we have a more comprehensive biography of David as man and politician than of any other historical figure before him...



Back in the biblical epic: David (Richard Gere) falls for Bathsheba (Alice Krige); and meantime plans her husband's death, in King David

death of Absalom - but much between remains unexplained. There is some sense of the sly machinations of the prophets...

Jonathan, Bathsheba, Michal and even the minxish Absalom (Jean-Marc Barr) are only walk-ons whose relationships with David remain unexplored...

Having ranged from Barry McKenzie to The Getting of Wisdom, Breaker Morant and Tender Mercies, the director Bruce Beresford is clearly game for anything...

A phenomenon of film history is the resurgence of the horror movie in periods of momentous international anxiety. It happened in the period of European revolution after the First World War...

As might be expected from the original begueters of Friday the 13th (Sean Cunningham and Steve Miner, here respectively producer and director), their new horror film House shrewdly covers all its bets...

The prolific novelist Stephen King now turns out his borrowings in handy packs: Silver Bullet is adapted from a "novellette" about a sunny small town terrorized by a werewolf...

David Robinson

Those two examples, however, indicate where the scheme breaks down. Ahab and his adventurous creator are pursuers...

L.W.

Concerts

Exciting potential

LS/Bawden/Knuessen Snape Maltings

To the varied list of pleasures which the London Sinfonietta is contributing to this Alderburgh Festival must now be added the rare delight of hearing the hecklephone...

vail) soothingly for the strings. There was much more in this diligently detailed score than will probably ever meet the ear...

The young composer bases his 18-minute piece on a celebrated medieval illuminated manuscript. That is not quite as esoteric an idea as it might seem...

Bawden's scheme is simple: he unleashes the full force of his 17 players in a ragged, complex-rhythmic polyphony, dominated by some rampant percussive writing...

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Richard Morrison

Disturbing quirks

ECO/Ashkenazy Barbican

After hearing the sensitive refinement of Perahia and Uchida in their playing of Mozart, it was a disappointment on Wednesday to hear Vladimir Ashkenazy's performance of that composer's D minor Piano Concerto, K466...

pesteous. But just as in the same composer's Divertimento in D, K205, with which the concert began, Ashkenazy's tendency (albeit a time-honoured one) was to deaden the impact of the outer sections by articulating too smoothly...

Where the music should have disturbed, instead his quirky view of it did. The first movement, for example, lacked the vital sense of urgency, partly because Ashkenazy produced a predominantly soft-edged tone...

In general, the ECO played neatly, though in both of these works, as well as in the "Jupiter" Symphony, which Ashkenazy also conducted, one was always uncomfortably aware of a lameable insecurity in the playing of the first horn (Alan Civil). It was a pity, too, that so many repeats were omitted. The finale consequently seemed like a brisk gambol rather than a movement of real stature; it was as if Ashkenazy could not wait to catch the next plane home...

Stephen Pettitt

Missing magic

RPO/Previn Festival Hall

A complete (well, almost) Midsummer Night's Dream for a midsummer festival seems quite the most delightful idea. But on Wednesday the love-juice was off even Mendelssohn's overture, let alone so many entrancing episodes we so rarely hear from the incidental music, passed without a single frisson...

are soloists of such eager willingness as Eva Lind and Christine Cairns, the fairy lullaby can lapse into jingle if its fragments and textures are not most meticulously judged...

It is all very well for the Wedding March to be allowed the indulgence of sounding like the Salvation Army on a good day. It is another matter when the Nocturne, again through slack, ill-considered phrasing, takes on the contours of one of their more mawkish ditties...

Hilary Finch

Jazz Ray Charles Festival Hall

Ray Charles, the jazz musician who all but invented soul music in the Fifties, is now assigned to the country division of his record label in America. As part of his "country" act he has been melding blues, gospel and R & B with a full-blown orchestral setting since the early Sixties...

Charles, resplendent in a camel tuxedo and an onsize bow-tie, lurched up to his piano with a huge grin radiating beneath his impenetrable dark glasses. Looking more fragile than his 55 years would suggest, he sang a mixed collection of standards, and while his voice has lost some of its former strength, particularly in the upper register, it retains an extraordinarily rich and expressive timbre...

Despite the orchestra's inability to join the swing, "Georgia on My Mind" found Charles singing with tremendous commitment, his legs riding beneath the piano and his body seemingly consumed with the song's emotion. But, although it is his practice to eschew longer shows, this one seemed to have been too swiftly rehearsed and too briefly executed to do justice to such a great talent.

David Sinclair

Theatre Charlie Girl Victoria Palace

The umpteenth musical to open in the West End this season is the revival of this phenomenally successful "family show" from the Sixties. I dare say its charms are potent still.

An updated version of Cinderella, with the Prince (Mark Wymnter) a wealthy, self-loving American, the story enshrines the principle that if the English like a Lord they will love a Lady. Charlie Girl has four Ladies, including Charlie herself (Lisa Hull), otherwise known as Lady Charlotte Hadwell, who spends all her time oiling veteran cars in the motor museum of her mother's state...

The show also finds room for two older performers, one English, one American. Twenty years ago these were played by Anna Neagle and Hy Haze; this time round the Texas-born Cyd Charisse has a go at the English aristocrat reduced to guiding nuns and schoolboys down her baronial corridors, and Dora Bryan plays the fond American mum. Any oddness in this casting soon becomes insignificant because what they are in the show is to do is to bring old-time glamour and to dance.

In the first half Cyd Charisse dances gracefully though slowly against an impressive fountain the equal of anything at Bridghead. At the climax she steps on to a plinth, and I am sorry to report that the plinth rises a yard or so into the air leaving her poised, fierer, all staturesque. But in the second half she and Claude-Paul Henry do a much more interesting big-rolling number, with bonky-took obligations from the wings, and we are able to marvel at her famously elegant legs.

This is a not a show that advances the art-form of the musical. Lights are dimmed when a song is to be sung so that a spot can follow the singer, who was perfectly well lit already. But the music of David Heneker and John Taylor is pleasant enough and the simple rhythms of their title song are decidedly catchy. Terry Parsons's attractive sets give us a dolls-house stately home in the background and a range of two-storey interiors that slide into place, receiving tapestries from above and rights of steps from behind. Paul Nicholas phrases his songs well. Some of the others allow harsh notes and distortion to enter their mixes. But there is much in the show that gives uncommitted, old-fashioned, mildly snobbish pleasure. After the fountain there are fireworks and a walkdown glittering with a million sequins. All this and choc-ices in the interval.



Cyd Charisse: gracious old-time glamour as Lady Hadwell

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When Demetrius runs kisses up her arm, the lovers are an anonymous group where routines, however, are inventive, directed. So, too, are those of the mechanicals who first come on as rock-bottom comics and proceed to get better and better, with the gigantic Bernard Bresslaw going up on his toes to represent the "tall" Pyramus, and Snug the joiner handing out business cards to the court. It was equally in keeping with the show for one Elizabethan extra to announce "England 3, Paraguay 0"; and for all the trees to burst into light at the end, restoring the traditional spell of the place.

With the exception of Carolyn Backhouse's Helena, almost seduced out of her anger

directed by David Conville and Emma Freud), and it works as well as ever. As before, its only serious weakness appears in the opening scenes, where the company are too busy being vagabond actors to get inside their Athenian roles, and attention is focused more on the playing convention than the play. With the arrival of Puck (Andrew Collins) from a prop basket, Shakespeare decisively takes over, and the robust magic of Sue Hodge's drum-majorette Peaseblossom and Diane Fletcher's spiffy Titania proves quite as potent as the ethereal variety. With the exception of Carolyn Backhouse's Helena, almost seduced out of her anger

Herman Old Red Lion

Stewart Conn's hero is a middle-aged academic who imprudently agrees to cram a student for her finals, which is one way of describing the mess he walks into. He may be Herman but whose man is he? His embittered wife and tenuous girlfriend battle this out, saying all the things people do say on these miserable occasions, with the wretched male stranded between them making lunging fist gestures inside his cardigan pockets until a convenient death lets him off the book.

What periodically removes the piece from the world of "I love her in a different way" and "don't touch me" is the fact that Herman happens to be obsessed by the works of Melville, sometimes to the extent of believing himself to be the author of Moby Dick.

In the process of switching a narrative between past, present and inside the hero's head, Mr Conn takes some striking Pirandellian leaps; as when Herman winds up one Ahab speech in the role of neglected author auditioning for two film-studio lizards who tell him that *Jaws* has knocked the bottom out of the fish market. Even better, the same pair descend on him as menacing sub-librarians in pursuit of overdue books, and then grudgingly swallow his claim that he is Melville and these defaced paperback are first editions annotated by the author.

Jeremy Kingston

Oscar Winner Best Actress Geraldine Page 'Should be at the top of every filmgoer's must see list...' The Trip to Bountiful

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FINANCE AND INDUSTRY

British Telecom profits rise 19% to £1.81bn

By Teresa Poole
British Telecom yesterday announced a 19 per cent increase in pretax profits to £1.81 billion and said the growth in call volume had shown an encouraging revival towards the end of the year.



Sir George Jefferson: "strong performance"

Sir George Jefferson, chairman, said: "It is a strong performance during a time of change and one which demonstrates the strength of the group."
In its first full year under private ownership, turnover improved by 10 per cent to £8.39 billion. Growth in volume for both inland and international telephone calls was about 1 per cent lower than the previous year at 7 per cent and 11 per cent respectively. But the slowdown seen earlier in the year had reversed by the last quarter. Sir George said: "The drop one saw in the middle of last year has significantly improved."

expected trends, we shall have another year of continuing progress.
British Telecom's investment programme was 60 per cent higher than in the year ending 1985. Of this, £422 million was spent on the installation of digital exchanges, up from £172 million the previous year. By the end of 1988, the whole trunk network will be fully digitalised and the local exchanges in all big cities will have been modernised. This year capital spending is expected to rise to £2.2 billion.
The corporation's battle to improve productivity resulted in the loss of 5,000 jobs and a similar number are expected to go this year. Total operating costs were up 9 per cent at £6.29 billion, including a 6 per cent increase in staff costs.

British Telecom faces increased competition this year as the rival Cable & Wireless service, Mercury, expands. "We are looking at a number of options for what we can and ought to do," Sir George said. The company is expected to unveil in the autumn a system of discounts for big customers. Competition in the supply of equipment has already begun to take its toll. Income from the rental and sale of apparatus to customers fell by 5 per cent.
The breakdown of trading profits shows that inland business accounted for profits of £1.61 billion, while international brought in £488 million. Overall, telephone call income was up 10 per cent at £4.54 billion and rental income increased by 9 per cent to £2.77 billion. Residential and business exchange lines increased by 3.2 per cent and 5.3 per cent respectively.
The total dividend for the year is up 15 per cent to 7.5p.
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STOCK MARKET
FT 30 Share 1350.0 (+9.9)
FT-SE 100 1619.0 (+13.7)
Bargains 25654
USM (Datastream) 122.84 (-0.15)
THE POUND
US Dollar 1.5035 (+0.0020)
W German mark 3.3581 (-0.0015)
Trade-weighted 75.6 (same)

Auditors in new action

Johnson Matthey plc has started legal proceedings against Arthur Young, former auditors to Johnson Matthey and to Johnson Matthey Bankers. Johnson Matthey's claim relates to the loss it suffered when Johnson Matthey Bankers was rescued by the Bank of England in 1984.

De La Rue rights call for £64.9m

De La Rue, the acquisitive security printing and automated systems supplier, yesterday announced a one-for-five rights issue which will raise £64.9 million net of expenses for the company and increase its capitalization by about 16 per cent.
The new shares are being offered at 880p, which represented a healthy discount of 190p on De La Rue's opening share price yesterday morning before rumours of the rights issue leaked out. De La Rue shares fell 45p on the day to close at 1,025p.

Dawson rise

Dawson International's pretax profit rose 20 per cent to £42.1 million in the year to March 31. Sales were up 7 per cent to £285 million and the dividend was increased to 6.2p (5.47p).

Offer raised

Evered Holdings, the engineering company, yesterday launched a £164 million increased offer for control of McKechin, Brothers, the Midlands engineering group.

Reject bid

After receiving Metals Exploration's revised offer document the Hampton Gold Mining Areas' board and advisers have again urged shareholders to reject the offer. Hampton is to write to shareholders about "important new developments" in its key Australian interests.

Talks end

Talks between Grosvenor Group and a private company, announced in May, have been terminated.

BP sale

BP is to sell its 50 per cent interest in Rockwood, the British mineral wool supplier, to Rockwood International of Denmark. Financial details have not been disclosed.

Asda deal

Asda-MFI has exchanged conditional contracts for the acquisition of Property Sellers which runs seven property shops in Asda stores on a concession basis. Asda intends to increase the number of Asda property shops.

Woolworth hits at Dixon strategy

Woolworth Holdings yesterday issued its last major bid against Dixon's £1.8 billion bid, which closes on July 2.
The final defence document insisted that Woolworth's "Focus" strategy was producing returns which could unlock the real value of the chain. It also pointed out that Dixon's "Ramrod" plan for the Woolworth stores, which Sir Kenneth Durham, the chairman of Woolworth, said would be better described as Ramshead.
Sir Kenneth said that Woolworth's management team had produced order out of chaos and made obvious the potential of the chain.
The bid terms, which Woolworth considers wholly inadequate, were, however, not the real issue, Sir Kenneth said. It was a question of which management team was best qualified to manage the assets.
Woolworth said that the first group of the new Focus stores, which opened last October, had increased sales by an average of 27 per cent in the period to April.

London International profits soar 28%

London International, the consumer products manufacturer whose bid for Wedgwood was referred to the Monopolies Commission, yesterday announced a 28 per cent rise in pretax profits in the year to March 31. They were up from £18.8 million to £24.1 million.
The figures, slightly above market expectations, were helped by the first full-year contribution from the Royal Worcester Spode china group, where operating profits increased from £1.3 million to £3.6 million.

RFD bitter after Wardle bid wins

Hill Samuel said shareholders owning 75.2 per cent of RFD's share capital had accepted the offer, which is worth 202p a share with a 205p cash alternative. The offer has been extended indefinitely.
RFD had been desperately seeking a saviour to top Wardle's £29 million bid, and said on Tuesday that it was talking with a third party which would make an offer if enough irrevocable commitments from shareholders were obtained. Yesterday RFD named that party as BBA Group, the fast-growing conglomerate headed by Dr John White, but bitterly accused it of failing to honour a commitment to make the offer after shareholders owning 36 per cent of the shares had undertaken to accept.

Fine weather boosts shop sales, says CBI survey

The fine weather has come to the rescue of Britain's shops, stores and supermarkets, according to a survey by the Confederation of British Industry's distributive trades panel.
It says that after a disappointing spring, sales have shown a dramatic improvement over the past 10 days with the food and wine and clothing and footwear sectors doing particularly well.
The only area showing a slowdown in business is the motor trade, and that expects business to pick up from August 1, the date of the new registration mark.
The CBI's figures are in contrast to recent official government figures, which showed the sector facing a

US seeks world rate cuts

Senior United States officials, concerned by growing signs of anaemic world growth, are pressing for a new round of international interest rate cuts to stimulate the global economy.
In interviews yesterday they said that the sharply lower US first quarter growth rate, coupled with the slowdown in the West German and Japanese economies, necessitated another co-ordinated interest rate cut.
The White House stepped into the debate yesterday, saying that President Reagan favoured lower interest rates.
Mr Larry Speakes, the chief spokesman, said his remarks should not be construed as a White House effort to put pressure on the Federal Reserve Board to lead a new round of rate cuts.
West German and Japanese officials are still under strong pressure from the US to stimulate their domestic economies. Herr Karl Otto Pöhl, president of the Bundesbank, said yesterday that West Germany already had the lowest rate in the industrialized world and that the rapid growth in its money supply ruled out a rate cut at this time.
The latest administration effort, spurred by fears that the US economy will not achieve the projected annual growth of 4 per cent, appears to reflect a growing split between White House officials and Mr Paul Volcker, chairman of the US Federal Reserve Board.
Mr Volcker has expressed the fear that the dollar will fall too rapidly, resulting in a dangerous exodus of foreign funds needed to finance the record US deficit, which has been expanding.

IBM chief predicts slow trade

San Jose, California (NYT) — The International Business Machines Corporation expects flat results for the rest of 1986 unless the economy strengthens, the chairman and chief executive, Mr John Akers, said.
He told analysts at the company's general products division at San Jose: "If business doesn't pick up in the United States I think IBM will have difficulty showing earnings growth." He said: "We are dealing with costs and expenses as aggressively as we know how to." He pointed to cost cuts for items — such as meetings, travel and consulting services — and a 9 per cent reduction in selling, general and administrative expenses by the end of May.

In praise of PSL3

Even after extra time, the Bank of England has failed to resolve the stalemate over the May money supply figures. They were bad, and we still do not know exactly why, and pity the poor authors of the Quarterly Bulletin, due out in a week's time.

Executive Editor Kenneth Fleet

Allied ploughs ahead with \$500m more

Allied-Lyons' boardroom is full of intriguing uncertainties. The Monopolies Commission's deadline for a verdict on the Australian-organized bid for the group has been extended until September (after all the time wasted in court) while in Canada, Allied is itself locked in legal proceedings to protect its contract to buy the drinks division of Hiram Walker and hence make itself indigestibly bigger. Sir Derrick Holden-Brown, the Allied head, hopes for the best; meanwhile life has to go on.
Yesterday, the food and drink conglomerate announced that it had established a \$500 million multiple currency Euro-note as an essential part of financing the £1.24 billion Hiram Walker purchase. This creates a temporary record of sorts, being the highest involving a sterling paper option so far.
The facility has been underwritten by 27 international banks. It will be drawn down in dollars, sterling or foreign currency advances and hid for by tender panels of banks and financial institutions, including the underwriters.
The rest of the Hiram Walker funding has not been decided upon, but will be a mixture of debt and equity, according to Allied-Lyons.

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The purchase of Hiram's drinks division meanwhile remains at the mercy of the Canadian courts. Allied-Lyons says it was satisfied with the outcome of the proceedings in the Ontario Supreme Court on Wednesday, which postponed until July 2 the hearing on Allied's demand that its purchase agreement be enforced.
Olympia & York, which has taken over the whole of Hiram Walker since Allied made its deal, has given voluntary undertakings not to encumber the shares or asset base of the drinks business. But the new owner is still trying through another court action to prevent the sale going through.
Back home, Sir Derrick may be drawing some comfort from the evidence of the Occupations Study Group report on employment trends which found that debt-backed takeovers such as that planned for Allied-Lyons tend to cut jobs unnecessarily in the quick struggle to recoup expensive money.
Any comfort depends, however, on whether the Monopolies Commission is aware of the evidence and whether it or the Government consider it relevant to the issue — as they should. The takeover was referred to the Commission precisely to review the consequences of its financial form.

IBM chief predicts slow trade

IBM would concentrate on building future revenues and earnings growth by strengthening its product line and by reducing costs.
IBM will have fewer US employees in December than it had in January, for the first time since 1975, and Mr Akers said that job cuts would come through attrition not layoffs.
"We are a full employment company and will remain a full employment company," IBM began the year with about 405,000 workers, about 242,000 of them in the US. However, it is adding between 3,000 and 3,500 employees to its American marketing effort. Mr Akers said that the changes under way would

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prepare IBM "to respond to improvement in North American demand when it comes, and they will leave us far leaner and more vigorous for the years ahead."
About the company's ability to compete with the growing numbers of IBM-compatible personal computers, Mr Akers said that it would continue to differentiate its personal computer line through products and service.
IBM had 1985 earnings of \$11.6 billion, or \$4.40 a share, essentially flat compared with 1984 income. Mr Akers added that spending in 1986 on research, development and engineering would exceed that of 1985 by 7 per cent.

MARKET SUMMARY

STOCK MARKETS
New York 1688.25 (-0.69)
Tokyo 17277.59 (+100.59)
Hankong 1778.29 (-11.49)
Amsterdam Gen 2202.7 (-0.9)
Sydney AD 1210.8 (+10.2)
Frankfurt 2001.9 (-28.7)
Brussels 504.89 (+0.82)
Paris CAC 242.2 (-2.4)
Zurich 504.70 (-5.9)
SKA General 504.70 (-5.9)
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MAIN PRICE CHANGES
RISERS:
Nawest 509p (+15p)
Western Motor 155p (+10p)
Al Bell 127p (+12p)
Scott Greenham 127p (+12p)
Wolsey-Hughes 540p (+12p)
Mancora 276p (+10p)
Marchal Loxley 104p (+12p)
Johnson Matthey 205p (+17p)
Tesco 375p (+10p)
J Washington 895p (+40p)
Courage 290p (+11p)
Dewson International 258p (+12p)
Coats Vytilla 520p (+12p)
Allied Colloids 205p (+15p)
BET 413p (+13p)
Boase Massimi 225p (+13p)
Cable & Wireless 580p (+10p)
Mercury Int 758p (+28p)
FALLS:
De La Rue 1025p (-45p)
Evered 104p (-14p)
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WALL STREET

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The New York Stock Exchange composite index was down 0.03 at 140.63 while Standard & Poor's composite index fell 0.02 at 245.01.

IBM, up 1/4 at 146 1/4, recovered from a low of 145 1/4.

Table with columns for stock symbols (e.g., AMR, ASA, AT&T) and their corresponding prices and changes.

FOREIGN EXCHANGES

Table titled 'STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES' showing exchange rates for various currencies like the Australian dollar, Canadian dollar, etc.

MONEY MARKETS AND GOLD

Table titled 'EURO MONEY DEPOSITS %' showing interest rates for different currencies and terms.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

Table showing futures prices for various commodities like oil, sugar, and other goods.

CANADIAN PRICES

Table listing prices for various Canadian commodities and goods.

OTHER STERLING RATES

Table showing exchange rates for currencies like the Japanese yen, Hong Kong dollar, etc.

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Table showing spot rates for various currencies against the US dollar.

INVESTMENT FUNDS

Table listing various investment funds with their names, managers, and performance metrics.

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Table showing prices for commodities like copper, zinc, and other metals.

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Table showing prices for various types of meat and livestock.

POTATO FUTURES

Table showing futures prices for different varieties of potatoes.

LONDON MEAT FUTURES

Table showing futures prices for various types of meat in London.

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Table showing additional futures prices for meat and livestock.

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

Table listing various financial trusts and their performance.

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Large table listing numerous unit trusts with columns for fund names, managers, and performance data.

APPLICABLE

TEMPUS Long-distance questions for Telecom

As British Telecommunications prepares for greater competition, there is much for it to get to grips with — and much over which it has little control.

Yesterday's confirmation that the growth in call volume had picked up in the last quarter, to 7 per cent, suggested that the weak third quarter may have been an aberration. Reasons for the improvement, however, remain vague. The encouraging start to this year is similarly to be accepted cheerfully rather than explained.

On the other hand, action on improving efficiency and costs is very much in the company's hands. A net decrease of 5,000 employees kept the increase in staff costs to 6 per cent. Total operating costs were up by 9 per cent, however, but the company can plead sharply higher depreciation costs in mitigation.

Not including these and staff costs, the increase was 6 per cent in the last quarter, respectively lower than the growth in business. If those beguiling posters encourage the nation's telephone users to step up their dialling, the benefit to the bottom line will be immediate.

But while the company did much to confirm that it is steadily putting its house in order, two big uncertainties remain — one commercial and one political.

The arrival of Mercury on the scene was hardly a surprise, and the level of rival prices had been accurately anticipated. Nevertheless, Telecom's response — inevitably in the form of discounts for big users — is yet to be unveiled and there is considerable interest in how it will compete.

The company has so far made it clear that it will not be stampeeded into a price war but the philosophy has yet to be tested. And Telecom still has to convince some in the City that any loss of volume will be made up by a growth in traffic from new business areas.

On trading grounds, the underperformance in the share price — about 20 per cent over the past year — looks overdone. But there is still, of course, a political joker in the pack. As the next general election nears, any sign that a renationalizing Labour Party is in the ascendant will undermine the share price.

On forecast full-year profits of £2.05 billion, the prospective p/e ratio is 11 with the shares up 2p at 234p. Perhaps an investor's best option is to buy Telecom shares but at the same time place a bet with a bookmaker on Labour winning the general election.

Johnson-Matthey

Johnson-Matthey says its platinum operations would continue, even if exports from South Africa ceased. It has access to sufficient stocks to run the business as normal for six to nine months and its secondary refining capacity at West Deptford, New Jersey, the largest in the world, would be able to meet increased demand. And a shortage of supplies would push the price to new heights, benefiting its manufacturing businesses.

Yesterday, Eugene Anderson, the chief executive, reported on recovery to date. Profits rose by £10 million to £30.1 million before tax but that reflected a sharp fall in interest charges, rather than

any trading improvement. Net debt fell by £108 million and borrowed metal by a further £51 million, making a total reduction of £159 million over the year. Of that fall, £25 million came from disposals and the rest from cuts in stocks and cash flow. The company is ahead of schedule in making repayments under its financing agreement.

Trading profits fell from £48.3 million to £46.0 million, accounted for by movements in exchange rates. The result is disappointing in view of the 50 per cent rise in platinum prices to £435 an ounce.

It looks as if the trading performance was hit by price competition in America where Johnson-Matthey has 60 per cent of the market for catalytic systems, used to control pollution from cars. Conditions have now improved.

This year should see the benefits of rationalization but by 1988 the company should be growing strongly as European cars will then have to incorporate the platinum catalysts.

With a low tax charge for several years to come, the gain should flow through to earnings. The shares at 205p are likely to gain favour if the platinum price keeps rising.

Dawson Int

Knitwear by Pringle of Scotland, Braemar, Ballantyne, McGeorge; the brand names conjure up a vision of highland crofters crooning songs in Gaelic as they knit.

The Americans love it and pick the shelves clean of wool and cashmere garments in the Scottish wool shops as fast as Dawson International can supply them.

Although Dawson has a dominant market share in the world of exclusive Scottish knitwear, it is now a much smaller proportion of its business since it diversified into spinning and weaving and the manufacture of thermal underwear (in the US) and fur fabrics.

This is why Dawson is not unduly worried by the lack of summer visitors this year. It is still too early to be sure, and the fall in the dollar has taken purchasing power away from the Americans regardless of whether they come to Britain.

Orders from retailers are down only 1 per cent compared with last year and this, combined with rising production capacity, has the advantage of enabling Dawson to build up stocks to despatch orders by return.

Nearly 60 per cent of its sales are to overseas customers, but the company revealed in its preliminary results yesterday that it does not lack the traditional Scottish virtues of caution and thrift when it comes to money.

Profit before tax jumped 20 per cent to £42.1 million for the year to March 31.

The company is accumulating cash at such a prodigious rate that an interest charge of £500,000 in 1984/5 was transformed into interest income of £100,000 in 1985/6 and it finished the year with net liquid resources of £25 million. Plans to expand capacity by 40 per cent over the next five years will not therefore be held up for want of cash.

In 1986/7, Dawson should make £44 million pretax, and at a price of 258p, the shares are on a prospective multiple of just 13. Hardly a premium rating for an undeniably premium company.

Baker Perkins up £3m

Baker Perkins, the manufacturer of food processing equipment, increased profits from £13.1 million to £16.3 million in the year to March 31. Turnover rose from £247 million to £262 million.

Mr Colin Joyce, a director, said yesterday that British profits were better than expected at £16.9 million, up £7.2 million, before interest but after charging £2.7 million reorganization costs.

In North America there was

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IPE set to launch new oil contracts

By Richard Lander

The International Petroleum Exchange, London's futures market for the oil industry, plans to launch two new contracts on October 7 to extend its coverage over the whole spread of oil products.

The contracts will be in premium leaded gasoline, equivalent to four-star petrol, and heavy fuel oil of the type consumed by industrial and marine users.

Together with the IPE's existing gas oil futures traded, the new contracts mean that traders on the exchange will be able to hedge or speculate against heavy, medium and light products refined from crude oil.

Mr Peter Wildblood, IPE's chief executive, said the exchange was confident that the new contracts would attract strong interest from oil producers and consumers.

The exchange hopes that daily volume will average 400 to 500 lots in each contract within about six months of the launch.

Mr Wildblood said the IPE also looking at ways to revive the Brent crude contract, which virtually disappeared early this year when the sudden slump in oil prices shattered the 'daisy chain' system of trading crude cargoes.

Molins eyes \$400m royalty cash

By Michael Clark

Whispers in the market yesterday suggested that Molins, the tobacco and corrugated board machinery manufacturer, is considering taking legal action over royalties for one of its products that could amount to

There is also talk of a one-off licence fee payment which could amount to a further \$100,000.

The move could be good news for Molins's biggest outside shareholder, Mr Ron Briery, the New Zealand entrepreneur who now owns a 20.1 per cent stake in Molins through his Hong Kong-based company, IEP Securities.

Meanwhile, the rest of the equity market continued to benefit from selective support helped by another spate of impressive company results and the latest industrial production figures.

The FT 30-share index scored its fifth consecutive gain closing 9.9 up at 1,350.0. Dealers said that the market was able to take the rights issue from De La Rue in its stride although stock shortages were still behind some of the improvement. The broader based FT-SE 100 index also rose 10.6 to 1,629.6.

Shares of Molins, the subject of an abortive management buyout earlier this year, held steady at 175p yesterday, but could go sharply better if the group decides to press its claim which goes back at least five years.

Speculation has been mounting for sometime that the group was planning such a move although Dr Adolf Frankel, the newly appointed chairman, was unavailable for comment yesterday. The claims for royalties of at least 2 per cent are believed to be connected with the group's flexible manufacturing system which is now used worldwide.

around 12 million 'B' shares worth £55 million.

In electricals, Plessey firm another 2p to 238p following the meeting with Scrimgeour Vickers, the broker, earlier this week. English China Clay also moved 4p to 334p after a mildly bullish seminar arranged by de Zoete & Bevan the broker.

In stores, Ward White advanced 8p to 306p, Williams de Broe, the broker, is reckoned to be a fan of the shares after meeting the company earlier this week.

The hot weather and stock shortages are still turning out to be good news for brewery shares which were in sparkling form again first thing although profit-taking left them off the top at the close.

Allied Lyons rose 4p to 345p, after 348p, Bass 6p to 788p, Matthew Brown 10p to 480p, HP Bulmer 5p to 167p, Guinness 5p to 321p, Scottish

services group, advanced 9p to 465p despite learning that a large placing of shares had been pulled at the last minute.

Merrill Lynch, the New York broker, was said to have been ready to find a home for

& Newcastle 3p to 211p, Whitbread 'A' 2p to 293p and Wolverhampton & Dudley 9p to 535p.

The life insurance companies continued to make the most from the increased business expected to accrue from the switch by borrowers to endowment mortgages. These now make up the bulk of money lent by building societies.

Britannic firm 5p at 859p, Equity & Law 5p at 260p, Legal & General 12p at 270p, London & Manchester Group 4p at 200p, Pearl Assurance 10p at 408p, after 413p, Refuge Assurance 13p at 416p and Sun Life 7p to 839p. Prudential Corporation, the biggest of the life insurers, also improved 20p to 834p as the market continued to reassure itself that the bulk of its recent rights issue would now be taken up.

RECENT ISSUES

Equities	Fields (MRS) (140p)	120	Rights Issues
Accord Pub (125p)	140	154 +1	Amari N/P
Alumac (150p)	149	143 +1	Cater Allen F/P
Arlington (115p)	181 +1	92 +1	Ciffords Daines N/P
Ashley (135p)	211 +6	102	Cran (J) N/P
Barker (Charles) (150p)	151 +1	131 +1	Five Oaks N/P
Bick (147p)	141	154	Friendly Hotels N/P
Bc Island (60p)	58	105	Gerrard N/P
Brodero (145p)	183	38	Leo F/P
Campbell Amersong (110p)	110	108 -2	Molins N/P
Clarke Hooper (135p)	150	113	Net West N/P
Delepak (107p)	126 +2	200 +2	Net & Science N/P
Dash & B (50p)	62	120	Prudential F/P
Denstone (58p)	83	85	
Eadie (58p)	42 +3	161	
Evans Haltham (120p)	124 +11	148 -1	

STATEMENT FROM THE CHAIRMAN SIR GEORGE JEFFERSON

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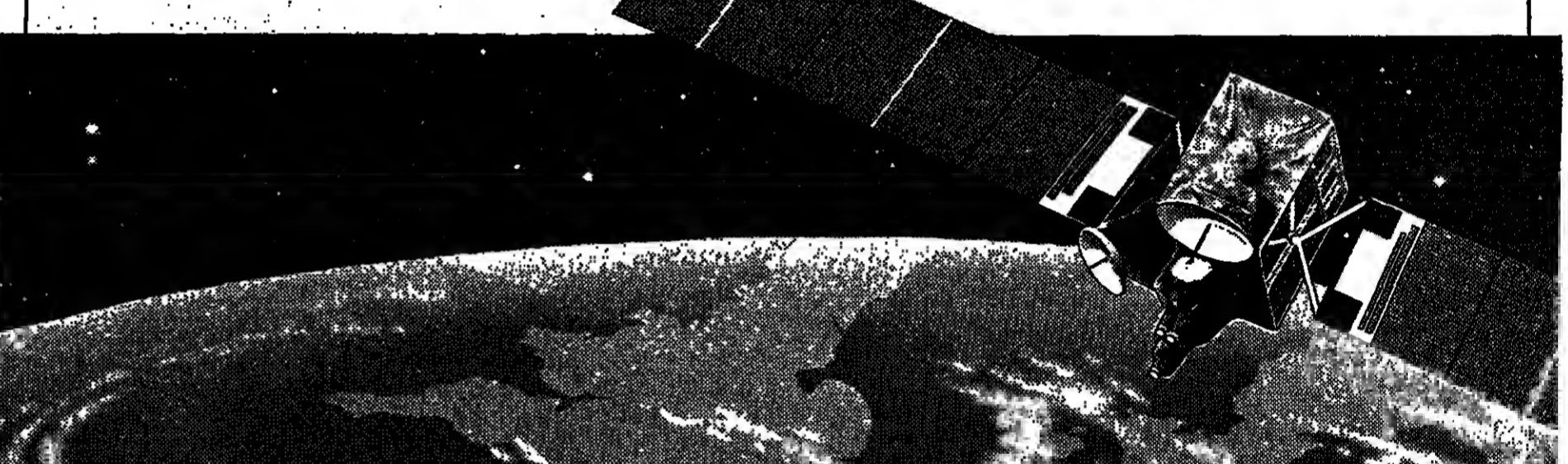
Considerable progress has been made to ensure that we are equipped, not only to respond to the challenges of the liberalised and competitive market in the UK, but also to bring our expertise to bear in new markets worldwide.

We have invested substantial sums in developing and modernising our networks and are actively pursuing new business opportunities.

NEWS FOR INVESTORS

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR

- Turnover up 10% to £8,387m.
- Profit up 20% to £1,828m. (After adjustment for new capital structure)
- Proposed final dividend of 4.5p making 7.5p for the year.
- Employees allocated shares worth £18m under new profit sharing scheme.
- Capital expenditure of £1,973m wholly funded from within the business.
- Over 90% of capital purchases from UK suppliers.



STRONG PERFORMANCE IN A TIME OF CHANGE

CUSTOMERS

We continued the process of modernising the network to provide more efficient service to business and residential customers. As part of our £1,973 million investment in the year, we increased the number of digital exchanges to 183 and the installed length of optical fibre to 124,000 kilometres. The programme to upgrade our 76,000 public payphones is now well under way.

PRELIMINARY RESULTS FOR YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 1986

	Fourth quarter		Full year	
	1985/6	1984/5	1985/6	1984/5
£m	£m	£m	£m	
Turnover	2,227	2,033	8,387	7,653
Operating profit	559	483	2,095	1,875
Profit before employee profit sharing and taxation	495	410	1,828	1,480
Profit before taxation	477	410	1,810	1,480
Profit attributable to ordinary shareholders	265	244	1,004	904
Earnings per ordinary share	4.4p	4.1p	16.7p	15.1p
Dividends per ordinary share net			7.5p*	3.9p

*Including final dividend of 4.5p to be proposed at the AGM. The accounts from which these figures are extracted have not yet been filed with the Registrar of Companies or reported on by the auditors.

EMPLOYEES

Progress in the many fields of our activities depends heavily on the skills, commitment and dedication of our staff. The first year of our employee profit sharing arrangement sees shares worth £18 million set aside for eligible employees in recognition of their important contribution to the company's prosperity.

INVESTORS

A final dividend of 4.5p net per share will be proposed at the Annual General Meeting (AGM), to be paid on September 29 1986, which together with the interim dividend of 3p paid in February 1986, will make a total of 7.5p for the year.

The AGM will take place on September 10 at the National Exhibition Centre, Birmingham, West Midlands. Details of this and regional meetings will be shown in the Report and Accounts which will be sent to investors in July.

We are keen to keep our 1.6 million investors up-to-date with the company's activities. Last year, over 4,500 attended our AGM and another 10,000 people came to regional meetings.

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YOUR OWN BUSINESS

Cash aid on the Tyne for small firms

By Derek Harris
The Tyne and Wear Enterprise Trust, better known as Entrust and based in Newcastle upon Tyne, has shepherded through a fresh investment under the pioneering arrangement through which the Rank Xerox pension fund has for a year been offering to help small businesses with venture capital of up to £50,000.



Mining sculpture: Robert Olley with a collection of cold-cast statues

A seam of bronze

By Ian A. Jack
Mining has loomed large in Robert Olley's life. It gave him a job and then made him redundant. It also inspired him to develop his talent as an artist and sculptor. Then the long miners' strike stripped him of the company he had built to market that talent.

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Motoring by Peter Waymark

Power just when it's needed

The turbocharged diesel is an increasingly popular breed of car which tries to offer an acceptable compromise between the usually conflicting demands of performance and fuel economy.

A diesel engine by itself gives around 25 per cent better consumption than a comparable petrol unit. But makes the car much slower. A turbo-charger can help to compensate for the "lost" power without having too much effect on the fuel figures.

With British manufacturers reluctant to follow the turbodiesel trail, the initiative is being taken elsewhere and not least by the Japanese. A good example of the state of the art is the Toyota Camry.

A clearly styled medium saloon, the Camry comes with five-speed gearbox, standard power steering and two features once considered advanced for Japanese cars: front-wheel drive and independent rear suspension.

It is the second version of the Camry turbodiesel to be offered in Britain and with engine size up from 1,839cc to 1,974cc and brake horse-power from 72 to 83, it represents a significant improvement.

Performance still cannot match that of a two litre petrol engine but this is a far from sluggish car and once into its stride produces an impressive surge of power.

A green light on the fascia tells you when the turbo-charger starts to cut in. This is governed by engine speed and usually occurs between 30 and 40mph, depending on which gear you are in. The result is a dramatic boost in acceleration and one accomplished with a noticeable absence of fuss or strain.

The essence of the turbo-charger is that it is a power in reserve, hardly ever used when driving around town but there to be exploited and enjoyed when the open road beckons. It is most useful for its mid-range flexibility, the pulling power in high gear which not only makes the car relaxing to drive but gives a greater margin of safety to overtaking.

Like any diesel, the Camry is as economical in stop-start town driving as it is on the motorway and in either conditions should give at least 40 miles to the gallon. The further advantage of diesel is that fuel is currently up to 10p a gallon cheaper than petrol.

Power assistance takes the effort out of steering, though

Fast, but economical: The Toyota Camry Turbo-diesel

the system lacks feel, the gearbox gives crisp changes and the brakes have a nicely progressive action. There is some body roll on corners but roadholding is secure.

Except on very uneven surfaces, the ride is smooth and free of wallow. Good seats, firm and well shaped, enhance the feeling of comfort, as does the generous amount of head and legroom in both front and rear. The boot is also large but the high lip and small opening make loading more difficult than it should be.

Short of air conditioning, too many cars, even the bigger ones, have still to lick the problem of how provide an effective flow of cool air without recourse to a noisy booster fan. The Camry is no exception. But the driver will appreciate the excellent visibility afforded by a large area of window glass.

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Next month BL shareholders will vote on whether to change the name of the company to Rover Group, a move favoured by the new chairman, Mr Graham Day, as a

means of improving the company's image and cutting the umbilical cord which still associates BL in the public mind with the long deceased and unlamented British Leyland.

If Rover does become top dog (pun intended) it will be a remarkable rise for a marque that little more than 20 years ago was a small, independent manufacturer, doing fairly well, thank you, and minding its own business.

But the irony of calling the last surviving British volume manufacturer Rover is that Rover is hardly any longer a British car. The 200 series is a Honda in almost everything but name and the 800 executive saloon due to be unveiled next month was jointly developed with the same Japanese company.

Rover was only one of many marques inherited by the new company and by no means the most prominent. But gradually the other famous names disappeared. Riley and Wolseley hung on for a while as badges on what were really Austin and Morris cars.

Wolseley went in 1975 when the 18-22 Series was re-named the Princess, officially so but kept on ice, in fact unlikely to return.

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Just as controversially, the Triumph name was dropped a couple of years ago when BL decided it had too many names and endorsed the findings of its market research that Rover had the greater pull.

Road sense

The school holidays will soon be here and with them the rush to the seaside and the spectacle of cars broken down by the roadside and parents trying to soothe fractious children while waiting for help.

Sometimes the cause is, as daft and avoidable as running out of petrol, though this is not one of the Automobile Association's "top ten". Easily topping the AA's list are ignition faults (responsible for 18 per cent of emergency calls) and flat batteries (15 per cent).

Prevention is better than cure and trouble can be headed off by weekly checks on oil, water, batteries and tyres. It may also be foolish to expect a vehicle that for 50 weeks a year is used only for short trips around town, suddenly to withstand the rigours of 300 miles on the motorway - at least not without a thorough service beforehand.

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CRICKET: MARSHALL AND TREMLETT IGNITE HOSTILE HAMPSHIRE ATTACK

Extraordinary collapse again plagues an irresolute Surrey

By Richard Streeton
BASINGSTOKE: Hampshire... Afterwards Mark Nicholas, the Hampshire captain, said he was nonplussed at what had happened. Pat Pocock, the Surrey captain, said: "It was a good championship wicket, with something in it for bowlers and, at the same time, a good wicket for batsmen. I have never before seen any side beaten by six innings on such a good cricket wicket. We performed very badly and have no excuses."

Border looks a class apart

By Ivo Tennant

ILFORD: Sussex with eight second innings wickets in hand, need to score 349 runs to beat Essex. A delightful attacking innings by Allan Border, who was four short of a century when Essex declared, showed that the class batsman can make runs on this incalculable square. In 110 minutes he hit five sixes and nine fours. Sussex set 360 to win, lost both openers before the close, but was at least an improvement on their batting of the previous evening.

Middlesex overcome by Rice

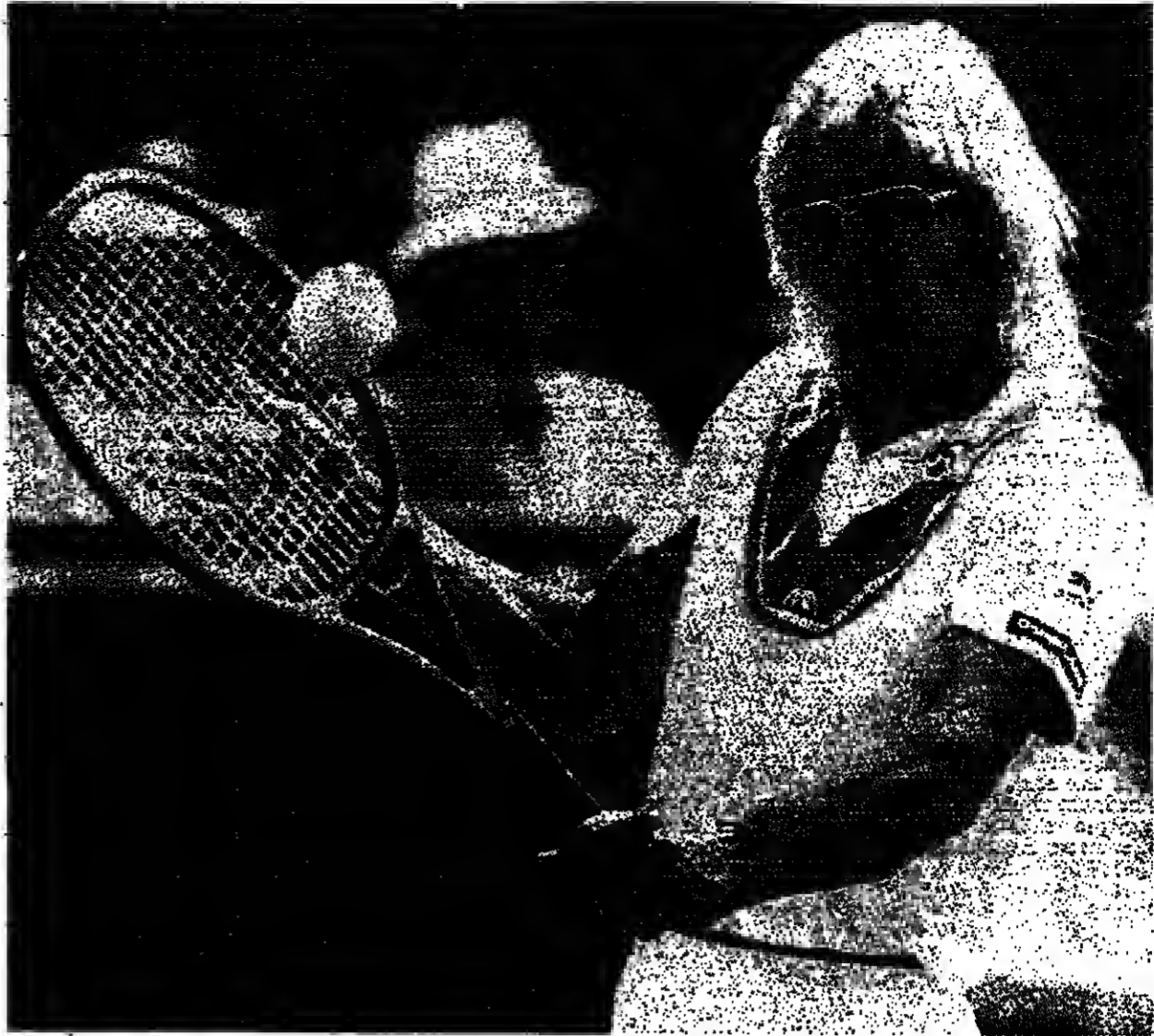
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Half centuries for Somerset pair

By Alan Gibson

RITH: Northamptonshire, with seven second-innings wickets in hand, are 226 runs ahead of Somerset. Somerset, who had put in Northamptonshire on Wednesday, began the day at 15 for two and the first question was whether they could save the follow-on. This they achieved, not very comfortably. They were all out for 226 at tea.



An eye for victory: Martina Navratilova powering into the semi-finals at Eastbourne with a 6-3, 6-2 win over Etsuko Inoue, of Japan. Report, page 30 (Photograph: Tim Bishop)

Ballesteros skirts around pillow-talk with Beman

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Bates goes down to Bostonian

By Richard Eaton

Jeremy Bates lost his chance of meeting Henri Leconte in today's semi-finals of the Bristol Trophy when he was beaten yesterday 6-4, 6-6, 6-3, by Bud Schultz, a huge, blond and mechanical American.

Nicholas recovers well

By Ivo Tennant

Alison Nicholas, a diminutive Yorkshire golfer, took the lead on the first day of the Belgian Women's Open championship, sponsored by Godiva, with a round of 67 in Brussels yesterday. This surpassed the par for the 6,084-yard Royal Waterloo course by six strokes. She led by one shot from Patty Grant, a new Canadian member of the Women's Professional Golf Association.

Belgian pedals to stage victory

By Ivo Tennant

Dornbirn-Boedele, Austria (Reuters) - Eric van Lancker, of Belgium, won the 195km centennial edition of the Tour de Suisse cycling race, Pedro Delgado, of Spain, was second and Michael Wilson, of Australia, cleared the season's admiral's title more than anything in golf.

Sir Leonard bats on happily

By Ivo Tennant

Sir Leonard Hutton, who will be 70 on Monday, was one of the great cricketers of his time and, indisputably, of any time. He had been many more but for the Second World War, which broke out just when he felt he had reached his peak. They were not so much scored as accumulated. In the Yorkshire way, his defensive technique was perfected and nothing was left to chance.

When Hutton resumed first class cricket, his left arm was only half as effective as before. He had fractured it in a fall on the last day of a commando course in York. Now, it is almost two inches shorter than his right arm. He feels, now, that but for the war he could have become a scratch player. Nevertheless, he remained a great batsman, and contends that he was a better batsman wicket by wicket than Bradman. "He did not see wet pitches in Australia," said Hutton. "His great asset was that, whereas Hammond and I played far too much cricket, he was able to pace himself. He is an extraordinary person, with similarities to Geoff Boycott. They look after their money. Sidney Barnes once told me: 'I keep close to Don, he keeps throwing out a few crumbs'."

Century by Curtis bucks trend

By Peter Marson

short of the runs as they reached 382 for two declared. There was a day long tattoo at Gloucester, in which the batsmen's beating retreat began at the day's start. Alderman was in the same attacking frame of mind as he had been in on Wednesday, evening, when he bowled Stovold. Now, as Wright and Russell took guard again with Gloucestershire standing 212 runs behind, Jarvis made the first drum roll, and Wright became the catch to go, for batsmen to march on and off in quick time to the wailing tune of only 70 runs.

Worcestershire

By Peter Marson

At St Helens, Swansea, Ontong made a valuable half century in leading Glamorgan away from the scene of the previous evening's disaster, and there was a ruggedy determined innings from the admiral's side before Glamorgan expired at 186.

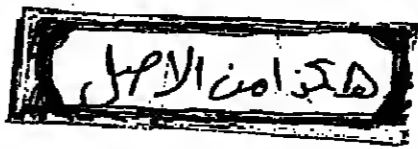
YESTERDAY'S OTHER SCOREBOARDS

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Ivo Tennant

Opportunity for Edgar to claim her...



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Edited by Peter Dear and Peter Davalle

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6.15 Good Morning Britain. Presented by Nick Owen...

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the six tennis authorities have ruled she should play...

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4.00 am Colin Berry (s) 5.30 Ray Moore (g) 7.30 Derek Jameson...

Radio 1

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